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## BRAVE HENDERSON!

### "Rather be Turned from the Church" than be a Sneak.

Bishop Turner Confronted with a Serious Charge—Why Dr. Johnson Cannot Say What he Feels.

Your journal certainly has a wide range of circu'ation, if I may judge of it from the numerous letters received in relation to one point or another in some of the articles you have lately published from me. A number of white men, a lawyer and several ministers, have written me from various parts denying that I correctly presented what Ridpath says in his 'Great Races of Mankind," and quite a number of our own race have written in similar strain, or asking more particulars. I will answer all by quoting from page 641, Vol IV, of the work in question:

"In the United States of America, * * * notwithstanding the impact of civilization and the whole force of a strongly monogamous people, the inquirer must still be struck with the almost universal depravity of the marital and social estates of the African population. The maintainance of virtue in that estate among the Negroes seems well nigh impossible. They break it and ignore it as though it were not. Nor can any exhortation or force of law bring them into concurrence with the established morality and with the usages based thereon.

"It were shocking to reckon the number of separations of the men and women. These separations can hardly be called divorces, for Africans do not consider such formalities necessary. One inquirer of reputable rank has declared that it is a rare circumstance to find a Negro couple, whether legally married or not, who remain faithful to each other beyond a few weeks' time. It would appear that not even the sanctions of religion, to which the Negroes in our country more than almost any people in the world constantly appeal, are sufficient to ratify and make permanently binding the marriage bond among them. * * *

'Dr. Tucker declared that throughout the South and almost everywhere, the Negroes are wont to go from their religious meetings directly into social vice and theft. He declared that not even the preachers and missionaries of this people could be restrained from the grossest immoralities, involving the breaking of the marriage tie, open concubinage and every kind of sexual and social license. At the same time the speaker declared that the Negroes are absolutely sincere in their religion, the law of right living and virtue not having entered as yet into their consciousness.

"If such vices are in the green tree, what shall we expect in the dry?"

The above is a correct quotation, as anyone may discover who will take the pains to investigate.

I have referred to it several times in order to show how we are being held up before the world. Ridpath's new work is destined to be a standard authority for years, and in it are these slanderous utterances, which in their careless, merciless scope, sweep from the faith of the world all virtue and uprightness among us, and leave us stand charged with utmost depravity.

Will we be indifferent? Will we furnish further evidence? Is it true that we have no idea of the sanctity of marriage? Will the race sit still and see a bigamist sustained by authorities of the chief religious organization? Even the Christian Recorder ignores the Missionary Board's action recalling Ridgel, and gives him recognition as an appointee of the church. While the bench of Bishops are not committed to the matter by any formal action, yet they have taken no effective steps to disavow it. Even the Arkansas conference has been misrepresented by a few who were in some way influenced to pass resolutions endorsing Ridgel, although with a knowledge of the facts.

It is asked, "Why does Henderson have so much to say on the matter?" Here is the answer: I was a member of the Board and voted with Bishops Wayman, Gaines, Tanner and Arnett and the ministerial brethren to recall Ridgel. Bishop Turner has defied the Bishops and the Board and sent him to Liberia as Presiding Elder. I am combatting this act of Bishop Turner on the one hand, and standing up for the rectitude of the Board's action on the other. Is it manly to vote for a thing and then sneak away from the duty of maintaining it?

I have been told by many that I will kill myself, but I would rather be turned from the church then to stay in it by being a sneak and an abettor of such wrong. In attacking this one case the principle may be vindicated. There are enough other instances to make this necessary. If I go out, five years of my life and sufficient of my money shall be consecrated to the task of fighting such evils. But I have no fear of going out. The A. M. E. church has enough noble men to sustain me if I stick to the right, and I defy evil doers and shall fight them uncompromisingly to the death. I believe Bishop Tanner to be a straight and upright man and count on his support for the right; more than that, Bishop Gaines is a power and he is one of the chief leaders in the crusade for higher morals, and with him are almost all of the chief men of the church.

Dr. Coppin may not feel that it is best to talk out just now, but he is staunch for Bishop Gaines and so are the majority.

The issue will be forced to a test, and the Bishops to be elected will have to show their hand on these great questions of morals. Sending out pictures, singing stirring songs, making spread eagle speeches and jollying the boys won't get men into high office of Bishop and the aspirants know it and will have to take a stand.

I don't mean to insinuate that Bishop Turner's intention is to uphold bigamy. He is resenting what he considers an infringement on his rights by the Board, but he should lay aside such minor considerations, and stand out for the higher principle that is also involved. There are some who are encouraging the Bishop to resist the Board, but an examination into their lives will reveal the hidden reason.

Dr. Derrick had nothing to do with starting me into this fight and he can do nothing to call me off. There is a principle involved, and I am on the right side, and there I will stay so long as we have fearless sheets like The Freeman, The Age, etc, that dare to stand out for free discussion and vindication of right. While these various journals in no sense can be said to be meddlers, yet they are doing their duty by affording an opportunity of discussion.

It don't take a microscope to discover how my good friend, Dr. Johnson, has to stand. How can he come out and say what he must, as a man of intelligence and good morals, feel? He has been overhauled several times already because he has said his say as a man, and not as a mere mouth piece. See how Wilberforce has tried to plaster him over. No, if effective efforts toward reformation are made, they must come from those who are untrammeled. Preachers, as a rule, are too cowardly to imperil their appointments by taking a stand that is not popular; the Bishops have so much on their hands that they can't wade out after a thing that would set fire to the magazine. If this begins where would it end, is a question that forces itself into consideration. Where would it end? It would end in purifying the church, in ennobling her work, in assuring her a grander future.

It is true that these things should be settled within the walls, but when we find it can't be done, we invoke the mighty weapon of popular sentiment. The press is invincible.

JOHN M. HENDERSON, M. D.

"Everything depends upon your selection of President for the National Negro Democratic League. When you elect him you create a boss. I do not mean to mince words. I want it distinctly understood that the man elected president of the Nation Negro League for the term for which he is elected, has as much power as the Czar of Russia or the Emperor of China, in league matters. Tammany is nowhere by the side of him. Croker and Gilroy are not buttons on his coat."—From President Taylor's annual address before the National Negro Democratic League which met in Indianapolis, Ind., Tuesday, August 14th,

HON. C. H. J. TAYLOR,

Washington, D. C. President National Negro Democratic League; Ex-Minister to Liberia; Minister by appointment to Bolivia; present Recorder of Deeds District of Columbia.

### The Ladies Benevolent Supper.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

The convention was a success. Mr. Wells and family, of Holly Grove, spent Friday night with Mr. Smith. Mrs. Wells and children left Saturday morning for her old home in Mississippi. Peter Smith, of Lamberton was in the city last Saturday. The little 12 years old boys base ball team of this place and the country team played the game of the season Saturday. Score 11 to 12 in favor of the town kids. Rev. Burns, of Cotton Plant, was here last week. The Fish fry was one of the grandest of the season. D J. Collins, of Holly Grove, was here Saturday and subscribed for The Freeman for six months. The Ladies Benevolent society supper was of much success. Quarterly conference was held here Miss Tean Brown and sister are visiting friends at Mavell. Mrs. McCray and Miss Georgia Burrel left Sunday morning for Searcy springs owing to illness, Presiding Elder Whiteside was absent from quarterly. Mrs. Washington, of Stuttgartt, was over this week. Mr. Mitchell has been on the sick list this week. Wm. Orr has opened up a new colored barber shop on Main street. Miss Sarah Smith has been ill, improving. There will be an excursian run from here to Helena on the 25th for the benefit of the Baptist State convention. E. F. Berry was successful in getting jewelry that was stolen a few days ago. The Freeman is becoming more popular here; the whites are reading it.

### THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

To Convene September 4th—Three Fountains Organized—Personals.

Wilmington, Del., Special.

Bayard Douglass and H. Robinson were arrested by Detective Jones for the larceny of about 300 pounds of lead, and were put under $200 bond for their appearance at court. Joseph Clark, who received severe injuries by being thrown out of his wagon by a run-away horse, has recovered sufficiently to be out. Wm. A. Patten is held under $200 bond for his appearance in court, for stealing a silver dollar. The Lawn Party held at Haven M. E. church, Wednesday evening, was a grand affair. Quite a large number were present. Miss Josephine Jordan, on Chiffy street, has been quite ill for two weeks or more. John R. Smith, of 1405 French street, is able to be out again. Mrs. S. G. Loans is visiting friends in Kennet Square. Edgar Pratt, a member of the Metropolitan Cornet band, whose funeral took place from his late residence on Ninth and Jefferson streets, on Wednesday, the 8th, inst., was largely attended. Misses L. C. Johnson and Lizzie Williams visited Linwood, Pa., last week. S R. Spencer, of 205 E. Thirteenth street, is away on a vacation. John H. Riddick, of Philadelphia, was in the city a few days ago visiting friends. The General Conference of the A. U. M. P. church, convenes in Elkton, Md., on Sept. 4th. There will be an excursion over the P. W. B. railroad from this city to Elkton, the seat of General Conference, on Sunday the 9th. Miss Nettie Jones spent Sunday last at Atlantic City. Prof. W. L. Linzy, of Greensborough, N. C., is in our city, the guest of Rev. C. N. Grandison, D. D. S. A. Chase spent Sunday last in Baltimore, Md. Miss Priscilla Mitchell has gone to Maryland to return some time in October. John Johnson, of Buttonwood street, South Wilmington, who has been sick for a long time, is no better. His recovery is doubtful. Rev. C. Stewart left the city for Deleware City a few days ago. It is estimated that there are 2,000 men out of employment in this city. Mrs. Sarah Murray and her daughter, Miss Mary F. Murray, are at Lincoln, Pa., visiting friends. Quite a large excursion from Philadelphia Pa., passed through the city on the 9th, enroute for Brandywine Springs. Many stopped over and visited friends. Mrs. Hattie Mason and Miss Samatha Christy visited Gorden Hights last week. Persons working in the interest of the Old Folks' Home will have a picnic at Rosendale Park on Thursday, the 23d. Miss Frances Scott has gone to Hartford, Conn. Miss Ida Henry, of 712 Franklin street, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is convalescent. Miss Susie Jenkins has gone to Eastern Maryland. C. H. View, of 207 E. Fifteenth street, was tendered a surprise Friday evening, the 11th, by the Epworth League, and his many friends. He was the recipient of a purse, etc. Mrs. Millie Scott has gone to Ocean Grove, N. J. A combination excurson by St. Paul, Mt. Zion, St. Peters and other A. U. M. P. churches, will go to Birmingham Park Aug. 23d. Miss Cordelia V. America, who has been visiting her parents here for a few days, left for Germantown, her home, last week. Three Fountains of the Order of True Reformers were organized on Thursday evening, Aug. 9th, by Mrs. M. J. Williams.

### Picniced at The Lake.

Selma, Ala., Special.

Rev. C. J. Hardy, our present pastor of St. Phillips Street Baptist church, is on a visit to his former home in Pensacola, Fla. A pleasant entertainment was given at the residence of Miss Annie Stone. Miss Delamarte, of Spellman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., is stopping with Miss Alice Gilliam. Wm. Lewis of Talladega, Ala., for quite a while employed in the E. T. V. & G shops, left on the 12th for Vicksburg Mr. Robert Dillard is confined to his bed with fever. The A. M. E. Zion Sunday School gave their annual picnic at Lake Lanier on Friday, Aug. 10th. Fred. Jones and Walter Moore have opened a first class grocery store on the corner of Nance and Small streets. Rev. Mrs. O. P. Jones was called to Little Rock, Ark., to attend the bedside of her father who is ill. Mrs. Whit King has returned from New Orleans, La. Miss Eliza Jones is on a visit to friends in Mobile, Ala.

## ROBBING THE DEAD.

### BY ALFRED LEE RIDGEL, A. B., P. E.

EDINA, GRAND BASSA, WEST AFRICA.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

For cold ingratitude; for Judaistic treachery; for repulsiveness, self importance, pharaseistic hypocracy; for ecclesiastical mobocracy and ministerial tyranny, despotism, the Philadelphia conference has beyond doubt taken the lead.

I refer to the inhumane, soulless and satanic action which robbed the sainted dead of justly entitled honors, for no other purpose than to inflame the heart of the dear husband who was left a few years longer to prepare for the awful exit from time to eternity. The deep seated hate, the unholy and malicious designs of a number of the members of the Philadelphia conference, were the actuating motives that induced them to thus prevade the silent chambers of the dead, and like death dealing bandits, steal from our late and dearly beloved Sister Turner, the feeble tokens of honor conferred upon her from pretended sincerity of heart. What unrivaled hypocacy! What brutish and blasted deeds! Far too mean to expect of acknowledged devils, to say nothing of pretensions of holiness on the part of those vile perpetrators, whose dark deeds will face them when our dear beloved sister will be present to hear the whole account.

But what infamous deceit is disclosed in this most shameful act of robbing the sainted dead! The blow was intended to strike deep into the soul of as honest and noble man as ever lived; a man that has done more for the church and race than all the assailants of his departed wife, together. Those soulless members of the Philadelphia conference knew how tenderly Bishop Turner loved his late wife. They knew full well that no act would so irritate and humiliate the good Bishop as this one of robbing his beloved dead. They fully intended to give the old man a death blow, but oh, may our gracious heavenly Father give him grace and courage to overcome it. Thousands will sympathize with him. The Philadelphia conference has lowered itself a thousand degrees in the estimation of the christian world God will visit it with a great recompense.

Had this ungracious deed been committed against the living, we would not have looked upon it with such malignant hate, and considered it so diabolical; but it sweeps on beyond the living, goes down into the grave and says to the sainted dust of Sister Turner, "You are unworthy of those honors, we take them from you and bestow them on another."

But why should we bewail the action of our uncircumcised brethren of Philadelphia? It seems that, that place is destined to be as distinguished for evil as it has been distinguished for good. Ten thousand such motions and a million such conferences cannot materially detract from the real worth of the late Mrs. Bishop Turner. Not so much for her sake do we deplore the action of this conference, but more for the sake of a dear husband who loved her so passionately and who wept so bitterly over her demise. Also the effects of this inhumane deed will eat as a cancer in the souls of those dear children, whose fondness for a mother was so great.

Where was the soul, the common reason, the christian sympathy, the fraternal love, the respect for either the living or the dead that have always distinguished man from the brute creation, and that should have controlled the actions of the Philadelphia annual conference under the supervision of the erudite and affable Bishop B. T. Tanner, D. D.? Under what influence can we infer from their unwarrantable deed did they act, other than those we have already mentioned?

Surely the Philadelphia conference cannot be ignorant of the untiring efforts of Bishop Turner in behalf of the African Methodist Episcopal church, which they have converted into a machinery to dishonor him, and disgrace his departed wife. Possibly no man within the limits of the connection has been so progressive and aggressive as has been Bishop H. M. Turner. He has served his race in more ways than any of his colleagues, Bishop Payne not excepted. Bishop Payne had his special line of work, which was that of education. He was learned, profound, philosophic and possessed great moral force, which were excellent qualifications and qualities. We all admire and eulogize the life and labors of Bishop Payne. He was a noble sire, a father indeed in Israel; but it must be remembered that Bishop Turner is equally great in his special line of work. While Bishop Payne was a philosopher of merit, Bishop Turner is an organizer, orator agitator and author. For general information and religious activity, Bishop Turner is one of the most remarkable men in the church.

Bishop Payne was a great educator. He was an author, and powerful moral and intellectual light; but he was no orator, could not arouse men and women to "Flee the wrath to come." Could not induce people to flow into the church like Bishops Turner and Grant. We must remember that every man cannot be a philosopher. Homer was as great in his sphere of operation as Plato; no man could stir the learned Greeks like the eloquent Demosthenes; Cæsar was as great to Rome as Cicero, and Virgil as great as Pompey. We must have a variety of thoughts to meet the various obligations of the age. Pericles, Sophocles, Eschylus Herodotus and Aristotle were all important factors in the days of Ancient Greece.

Now why should we poor, hell deserving

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# MAID AND MISTRESS

## A Romance of Two Cousins.

WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE FREEMAN,

By AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, ("B. Square.")

Author of "Fred Jackson's Vow." "A Rolling Stone that Gathered Moss." "Prof, L. Wilson Dozier." "The Raise Problem," "Hon. L. Sweitzer, M. C." Etc. Etc,

CHAPTER XXVIII.

A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

Sarah Jane and her aunt, Hannah, returned to Marion, where they opened a small dry goods and notion store, and received the patronage of the colored people of the town.

Her sister's health was restored and she was preparing to be a teacher. Over a year has passed since the incidents in the last chapter. She has learned to love Norris Tucker, who still believes that she is white. They have been engaged for over a month, all future plans are mapped out; she is to live in New York, and no one but her sister and aunt know about the matter.

Her aunt, being something of a business or practical woman, said:

"Go ahead child, I'll make no matches or break them. If you love him and he loves you, and thinks you are white, why go ahead and marry him."

Sarah Jane was perplexed, until she resolved to break off the engagement by writing to Tucker and telling him she was an Afro-American. She wrote him the following letter:

"MARION, S. C., March 18, 1879.

"DEAR MR. TUCKER:

"Do not start when you see the unusual beginning of this letter, but read it carefully. Norris, we can never be married! It would be a living lie that some time or another would come to the surface and cause your love to turn to hate. Forgive and forget me is all I ask. I am what you pure Anglo-Saxon Americans are pleased to term a colored or Negro woman; that is, I am a quadroon; somewhere in my veins there runs a little African blood. It is only one-fourth, but I cannot give it up—not even for your sake. Forgive and forget.

"SARAH JANE WHITEHURST."

"She will respect me more if she loves me less, and perhaps it will convince her that I love her better than my life, so I'll confess," and Norris Tucker wrote the following:

"OFFICE OF
"GRAY, BROWN & TUCKER,
"Importers of Silks and Laces,
"No. —, Broadway,
"NEW YORK, N. Y., March 18, 1879.

"'MY DEAR SARAH:

"I know that you will say, 'How dare he call me his dear,' after you read this letter. Forgive me, I ask, before I tell you what crime I have committed. I am going to tell you a secret known I believe only to myself, as the only relative I can remember (my mother) died a few years ago. Before I do so, however, let me ask you a hypothetical question: Suppose the fairest and best little Anglo-Saxon maiden in the Southland should meet a young man who loved her better than his life and she returned his love; suppose they were married and lived in bliss for years; suppose she should some day discover in one of those strange ways secrets are brought to light that the man she had wedded was born a (must I say it?) slave; that he was not pure white, although passing as such, he had become the Junior member of a large dry goods house. Would his idol be smashed, would she hate him for the silent falsehood he had been living or would she love him as of yore? Is love blind to race, color, creed and condition, or is the beautiful story of the prince falling in love with the beggar girl, and the great poet's tale of the Moorish general and his fair bride only the imagination of the heated brain of the poet and novelist?

"Oh Sarah, I know I love you, this is why I tell you what no one else in the world knows, that I am a quadroon. I cannot keep it from you, not for fear that it would some day come to light, but I did not feel as if I was doing right to keep it from you. It is love's strange test, my dear. Ask your heart if it can still love me. If you can no longer love me, let me live in your admiration for the timely confession which doubtless saves you from what as a pure white daughter of the South would be deemed, at least by your friends, a lasting disgrace. Again permit me, or at least forgive the insult, if I sign myself as of yore,

"Your devoted lover, NORRIS."

The letters were marked about the same time, and each one in due time brought surprise to the recipient. There is no comment needed.

CHAPTER XXIX.

THE ROMANCE OF TWO COUSINS.

Before we part with you, reader, if Old Father Time will kindly oblige by obeying the poet's demand, or at least request, we will relate the history of the two quadroon cousins.

"Backward, turn backward, Oh Time in your flight,"
Take us to Marion, just for a night;
Turn back to years, a dozen, a score,
With "Palmetto Manor," just as of yore.

In the fall of 1839, Dr. Jefferson Whitehurst, a well known physician and planter, living near Marion, S. C., bought at auction at "a bargain" a full blooded Negro woman and her daughter, a girl about 9 or 10 years old.

The mother was sent as cook to the house of the doctor's brother-in-law, who was overseer of the plantation, and the daughter sent to work in the cotton fields.

Two years from that date there was an addition to the roll of bondmen upon the plantation by the advent of twins, a boy and girl. They were the son and daughter of the cook, and were mulattoes, with a striking resemblance to the overseer and brother-in-law of Dr. Whitehurst.

The children were taken to the "great house" and grew up as house servants and playmates of Jefferson Whitehurst's five children.

The slave girl was very pretty and grew up to be a beautiful, chaste young woman. Her young master, Henry Clay Whitehurst, was smitten with her charms and at last succeeded in making her believe that he would be as honorable as a young white man of the day could be, so she returned his love. Death called young Whitehurst before the birth of his daughter, Sarah Jane. Mother and daughter were sold away to Virginia.

The brother of the beautiful slave wife was a "house boy," part of his duties being to follow on horseback his young mistress, Virginia, who was a daring equestrian. The man servant and his master's daughter were constantly together and their association ripened into love.

A young lawyer, a yankee from Connecticut, named Haywood, who tried in vain to get practice in and around Marion, left in disgust for Boston. He had never spoken to Virginia Whitehurst in his life, although he had had several business conversations with her father, Dr. White hurst.

He had been gone but a few months when she resolved to use his name to hide a coming shame. She told her father that she had been secretly married to Charles Haywood, who was then preparing a home for her in Cleveland, O., where he expected a large practice.

About this time Moses, the house boy, and his half sister, Hannah, ran away to Cleveland, O., for reasons best known to himself.

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## AN OPEN LETTER

From Cæsar A. A. Taylor to the "Southern Exchange Association.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 2, 1894.

Editor of The Indianapolis Freeman:

Sir—I beg space for the following in The Freeman. It explains itself:

AN OPEN LETTER.

To Hon. William Yeager and Gentlemen of the "Southern Exchange Association, 23 Park Row, New York, N. Y.

Sirs—In reply to your published invitation for "Suggestions touching the laws of Southern States which affect injuriously or otherwise the investment of capital and the influx of settlers to the South":

I love the South not less than I love all sections of our beautiful country, with its diversified interest, and my loyalty to the government of the State and the Nation in common with that of all thoughtful Negroes attest it. And thus I gladly embrace this opportunity to say that a community, as an individual, is the architect of its own fortunes, and as no business man can hope to prosper while allowing his prejudices to predominate his business principles, neither can a community be inviting to strangers, nor to the investment of capital, while members of said communities do not regard with sacredness the rights and immunities of every other member.

Strangers will always be found slow to either settle or invest in a community where men are not free to hold and express their honest opinions upon matters within the bounds of reason and justice; where men and women are, contrary to justice and reason, restrained from exercising their preferences for those who prefer them in matters social, business and political. I need not inform you that most everywhere at the South the attempt is ever being made to throttle free speech, outrage justice and choke off truth, not alone by the violence of the mob, but those who by their position should be engaged in a better business attempt by legislation to make lawful the barbaric acts of a mob, the spirit of which they, by the pen and by speech, have engendered, and now by legislation are fostering and inciting. For instance, the separate coach law—a manifest injustice to the Negro men and women of acknowledged character, wealth and ability, who are forced to pay firss-class fare and then forced into vile depot waiting-rooms, reeking with filth and vermin, and into partitionad smokers; forced into association with the vulgar, vile and abandoned of every nationality. Second, the eight-ballot-box law, and every other low, cunning device, all contrived to nullify and defeat the manhood suffrage of the Negro. Third, the infamous miscegenation law, which puts a premium upon vice and immorality by encouraging concubinage and bastardy between white men and Negro women, while at the same time violence is incited against a Negro man if he even dare to reciprocate the coquettish glances of a white courtesan.

Such a spirit as this incited, and such legislation as introduced by men said to be of the better element, is and will ever be while it continues the main impediment to the investment of capital and the influx of settlers. Thus the mob is prepared and incited. For instance, the white Bishop, whose person was threatened with violence only a short while ago, by a white mob in the great city of Chattanooga, Tenn., and for no other reason but that he accepted the hospitality of a Negro preacher, who was in every way his equal, only that he (the Negro) was not a Bishop, and even not excepting that, the prejudice of Chattanooga, in its littleness, was too great to tolerate a white Bishop being the peaceable and acceptable guest of a Negro of means, character and ability. I have white friends of character, wealth and ability, whose homes in Northern communities are as open to me as my own home here would be to them, and yet they dare not accept my hospitality as my guest without being ostracised by the white people in the many parts of the South, and summary violence would visit me and them, in many parts of the South.

I do not deny that such a spirit exists in many parts of the North, but there the laws are administered so impartially toward both black and white, that such a meddlesome spirit dares not assert itself as it does at the South. Now in conclusion, if those interested in the South, and our own whole common country are both wise and honest, they will cease discussing plans and introducing measures for the deportation of Negroes, cease enacting proscriptive measures against them; cease trumping up false charges; cease writing lies in newspapers about them; cease robbing them of the ballot. Yea, they will turn about, agitate and encourage education and every worthy endeavor among them. If certain white men are really interested in the South, they will cease talking, writing and organizing, and begin doing good.

Recognize and trust the Negro, and his white sympathizers, both North and South, as men and as brothers, then, and not until then, will white men and women everywhere who love fair play, be content to live and invest at the South. Do right, and there need be no expense to influence an influx of capital and desirable immigrants to the South. I do not mean in this letter to be impertinent, I mean simply to state the truth, and am fully conscious that there are some white people whose prejudice makes them so supersensitive that in some parts of the South, as recently in Mississippi, they would be foolish enough to have a mob committee wait upon me because of these truths so plainly stated. Truly the oppressor has no love for his victim.

## DRS. HENDERSON, RIDGEL, ET AL.

Threatened—"We Will Meet You at the General Conference."

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Please allow me to say a few words of an evil that prevails among some of our ministers—I mean of the A. M. E. Church. I have noticed for the last six months that a spat has been going on among some of our leading brothers—one in Boston, one in New York and the other in Africa. Now, I want to know what good has the public got out of it? None whatever. But, on the other hand, these men are doing the church more harm than are sinners. They should remember that sinners read as well as christians, and will think our church a very poor society. Just look at Bro. Henderson's last letter. Now, say brothers, in the name of God and all that is true and just, please put a stop to this kind of business. You don't know how much harm you are doing the churches.

We have a discipline in our church, and no man in the church is beyond its reach, and if any member has been wrongfully treated there is room for redress between its lids, and not in the newspapers. Now, these brothers hold high places in the church, and they disregard the laws. What do you think of the laity? When we laymen look at this cross-firing we wonder where are the blessings that these men once knew—when they first saw the Lord. Brothers, it's a burning shame for you to bring such things as this in public print. You do not show good wisdom at all. Neither one of you men will live long enough to counteract the harm you have done. We would have raised more missionary money all over the country had it not been for you. So if our connection comes up behind you men are the main cause of it. Our church is too grand and noble and her mission is too great to be crippled by such men. We, the laity, will notify you now, that if we cannot speak now, there is a time coming when we can speak. We will meet you at the general conference.

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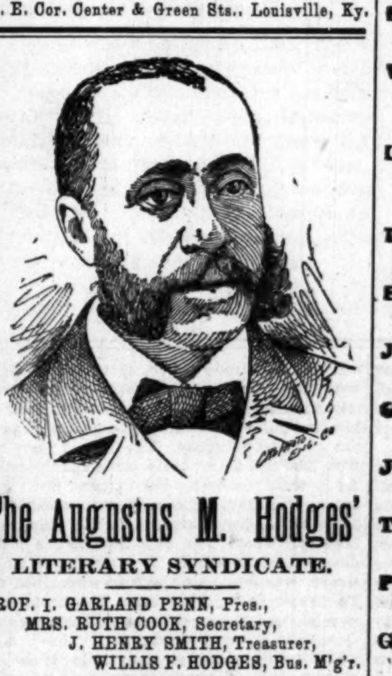

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LETTER NO. 2.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In our last letter we had just caught a distant glimpse of that "Beautiful City by the Sea"—Freetown Sierra Leone. She is the capital of this British Colony, with a population of 40,000, 10,000 of whom are heathen and Mohamedans. "The colony of Sierra Leone was discovered and settled by the Portugese, under the auspices of Don Henry in 1442, or fifty years before Columbus discovered the American continent. The Portugese were soon driven out by the hostile French, who like their predecessors, used it as an entrepot for slaves."

In 1562 the English began a pernicious system of slavery in the colony by John Hawkins, of ignoble memory to every liberty loving Negro.

In 1787, Sierra Leone was ceded to the English, who, very different from the depraved conduct of John Hawkins, used Freetown as an asylum for re-captured slaves. Seven years ago the English celebrated the centenary anniversary in Freetown, which revealed the fact that the human beings or their posterity, once manacled by slavery's hateful chains, had made the most astonishing progress in all the higher pursuits of life.

At the first "Industrial Exhibition" held in Freetown, in 1865, Mr. A. B. C. Sibthorpe, a native African, astonished both strangers and citizens in the triple capacity of painter, sculptor and modeler. Commodore Wilmot stood for a long time examining those works, and then exclaimed, "Now I see that this people can do something if they are only put to it."

Mr. Sibthorpe has since written a history and geography of Sierra Leone. Freetown, as we have said, was the city of "refuge," where the oppressed slaves from the West Indies and the states could rest secure. Hundreds from both countries fled from the iron hoof of oppression to this modern "paradise."

Many were only permitted to touch the free soil of Africa before the "pale horse and his intrepid rider" served the warrant of death. But how much better to even die in a free land. What peaceful anticipations for the future happiness of their posterity. Free from blood hounds, free from satanic rebels, free from the notorious auction block, free from social and religious discriminations; yes free from all the diabolical crimes of a people whose hearts were harder than the ancient Spartan's, and whose deeds were blacker than those committed by the haughty Romans.

THE CITY.

Freetown is situated along the base of the lofty Sierra Leone mountains, (mountains of Lions) whose majestic peaks kiss the first dawn of day, and whose summit basks in the bright rays of "Old Sol." ere his fiery chariot pours down a flood of noon day heat. The northern part of the city lies along the ocean, so close that many houses seen at a distance, appear to jot out of the water. On the east we stand and gaze with profound silence at those gigantic mountains, hoary with age, momentous in magnitude, containing mysteries that the human mind cannot even contemplate. On the north we gaze on the broad placid bosom of the ocean, fanned by the gentle zephyrs that blow, and watch with admiration the changing colors under the silvery rays of the 'Queen of night."

"But oh, how exquisitely beautiful the canopy of heaven appears from this "City by the Sea." Venus shines with extraordinary brilliancy; Jupiter looks indiscribably grand; the Great Bear never appeared in grander sytle, whilethe Milky Way is a panorama too majestically grand to even attempt discription. Oh how we longed for a peep at these far-away stars. How much we would like to gave upon Alpha—Centauri, 61 cygni and that master Sun Sirius, whose light traveling at the mad rate of 188,000 miles per second, is fifteen years reaching our earth. While most of those stars are visible to the naked eye, especially in the Southern hemisphere, we looked in vain for them from this desirable spot.

But back to the subject. The Freetown harbor is a most delightful scene at night, where hundreds of persons flock to enjoy the evening breeze and see the ships come and go. Here we see vessels from nearly every division of the globe. Some creep into harbor all tattered and torn by the rigors of the dreadful Bay of Biscay, that "Oceanic grave yard." The streets are broad and regularly laid out. A strong police force is kept on duty, but ingloriously fail to keep out the rogues who steal night and day. The city is not well supplied with artificial lights, which is of great advantage to thieves, etc. The houses are most of rough stone, large and well furnished. However, here and there even in the very heart of the city can be seen small native huts, while in the adjacent villas these wig-wams abound.

CHURCHES.

Freetown is as famous for churches as Athens was for institutions of learning. The Anglicons have six enormous church edifices; the Weslyans have probably ten; the Catholics have one immense building; the A. M. E. church has four; besides Baptists, Church of God, etc. No end of churches.

SCHOOLS.

There are three schools of high standing besides possibly a half score of secondary or primary schools. The Furrah Bay College, a spacious stone structure, located in a most healthy part of the city, is connected with Durham College in England, has an extensive corriculum and some able men have been sent from her classic halls. Here the famous Bishop Crowther was educated, also the erudite Biship Onlewoli.

The corriculum embraces English, Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Arabic. Rev. W. J. Humphrey, A. M., a graduate of Oxford, London, is president of the Institution; and though a white man, appears to have every possible interest in the work.

The Grammar school, under the superintendency of Rev. O. Moore, a native of Africa, educated in England, is a well conducted and progressive institution. The corriculum embraces English, Latin, Greek and Hebrew.

The Weslyan High school, for boys, is possibly one of the most efficient schools in the city. Rev. J. C. May, F. R. C., an African pure and unadulterated, is principal He also was educated in London, and is regarded as one of the best classic scholars on the West African coast, Dr. E. W. Blyden, LL. D, excepted.

Classical scholars, however, are numerous in Freetown. Boys in their "teens" can translate Virgil, Cicero, Homer, Demosthones, etc, into English as easily as conjugating a verb. Time and again was I disgusted with myself while listening to small boys reading Greek as fluently as I could English, for fear of exposing my deficiency.

The city has two weekly papers, the "Weekly News" and the "Times." The former is an ably edited organ. We have yet to find a more literary people among the Negroes than those of Sierra Leone.

INHABITANTS—CUSTOMS.

As we have said elsewhere, the population of Freetown is 40,000, 10,000 of whom are heathen and Mohamedans. The Mohamedans wield a tremendous influence over the more illiterate classes, which is due to the superstitious tendencies of that religion. There are two large mosques within the city limits. The city is often thronged with these moon worshipers, who come many miles from the interior to celebrate some great feast so numerous among them. Among the Mohamedans can be found many fine Arabic scholars. We often see them here from Mecca and Medina. More anon.

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# JOSEPHINE E. GHANT

## Her Views Called in Queston.

BY J. A. JONES, PRINCIPAL TURNER NORMAL COLLEGE, SHELBYVILLE, TENN,

MR. EDITOR:

Among the many able contributors to your columns, from a literary standpoint, Miss Josephine E. Ghant takes first rank. But Miss Ghant is mistaken in many of her views respecting the civil and political aspect of the colored people of the South, as compared with those of the North. Doubtless her conclusions drawn are the result of previous misinformation received before she came South, and from what she has seen in Birmingham, Ala, and probably other portions of the birthplace and cradle of rebellion. I write as a Southerner—born and reared south of Mason and Dixon's line. I love my birth-place; I love the land of my fathers; I love my race North, East, South and West.

Now, Mr. Editor, while I admire Miss Ghant's zeal, as well as her great intelligence, I for one am getting very uncomfortable at the way that the colored people of the South are being published to the world. To acknowledge the truthfulness of the statements so frequently made by Northerners of Miss Ghant's ilk is to acknowledge ourselves the most pusillanimous wretches the world has ever produced. We would be wholly unfit to live among an enlightened people. We would be absolutely incapable of citizenship. I admit that many things said by Miss Ghant are true, but by no means all of them. Thirty-five years of residence in the South ought to conduce to make me a competent witness.

In your issue of July 28, Miss Ghant in an article on the "Political Aspect of the South," makes this startling statement: "The condition of the Negro under the Southern government partakes more of servitude and oppression than that of the subjects of the most despotic monarchies." That statement is not true. Surely Miss Ghant has not traveled over the South and if not, then she should be the more careful in making such charges. I would never select Birmingham, Ala., as an example of the general condition of the Southern colored people, though Birmingham has as perfect a system of free schools as is to be found in most any city, North or South, considering all things. The colored people share in them in quite a satisfactory manner. I know whereof I speak. I t in the city schools of Birmingham for three years, and am sure they are in better condition now than they were four years ago.

Birmingham, while it contains some of the best people of our race, still is the dumping-pit for human garbage all over the South. One going to Birmingham, Ala., comes in contact not only with every species of the human family, but with the lowest type of the Afro-American.

I admit that the condition of the Southern Negro is deplorable. So is that of the Northern Negro. I think I have written as much to the State papers against discrimination and general lawlessness as any colored man in the State of Tennessee, so you see I am not blind to the evil, etc., referred to by Miss Ghant, and even in Birmingham, in 1889, I dared to go into the city press, denouncing race prejudice in several lengthy articles. But with all this, I declare to you that the Southern Negro's condition is not as bad as the average Northern Negro pictures it out to be.

Negroes are occasionally—yes, quite often—lynched for various causes. But I live at present in a town in which a white man was hung in the courthouse yard on the public square two years ago. I occasionally read of lynchings taking place in the God blessed North. If there were more Negroes in the North, there would be more lynchings there.

I am yet to be convinced that the Northern whites are better morally or religiously than the Southern whites. Blood is blood the world over and it is always found to be thicker than water. What does it mean to see these Northern mechanics coming South and refusing to work with Negroes of the same trade? What does it mean that Negroes are barred from membership in the various trades unions, etc., of the North, if they love the Negro so much?

In the South the Negroes are doing well where they exhibit signs of industry and frugality. In fact, he is given a better chance to inherit the earth than he is in the North.

Mr. Editor, this little article is contributed not as a defense for the iniquity of the wicked Anglo-Saxon of the South, but as an apology for the dwelling of the Negroes of the South who are doing more to show the possibilities of the Negroes than those of any other section of this country.


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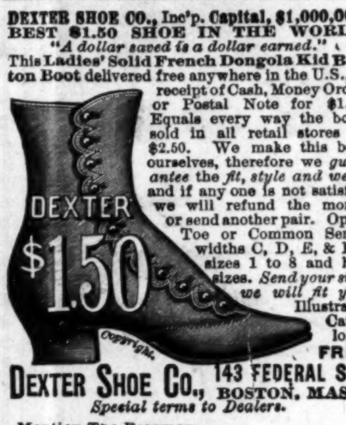


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Information wanted of my mother, father and two sisters, names: Caroline, Vincent, Harriet and Caroline. I saw them last about thirty years ago in Lexington, Ky., near College hill. I was called by them "Quincy." My name is John Quincy Adams Bradley; I lived with Henry Clark in Lexington, Ky., at that time. Address all information to S. D. Jackson, Pensacola, Fla.

I have a son; have not seen him since the war, His name is Thomas Taylor Turner, my home was in Madison Co., Tennessee, but I left him in Columbus Kentucky with a man by the name of John Stevens, who was a Telegraph Operator. He was between the age of 7 and 8. His father's name was Sam Turner and my name was Henrietta Turner. Every pastor will please read this to his congregation, and readers will please inquire. Any one giving information will oblige Henrietta Wallace, 1403 Maple St., Des Moines, Ia.

I would like to find my relatives. I was born in Virginia and belonged to a man named Lewis Davis. I was about 9 years old when I left Virginia. There were four sisters of us, Caroline, Becky, Sallie and I. My father's name was Bob Reed, and my mother's name was Patsy Reed. She belonged to Lewis Davis in Virginia. My father did not belong to Lewis Davis. Robert Allen Davis sold Becky, and Lewis sold Caroline and also her sister Lucy, I had two brothers, John and Frederick. Brother John was married to a lady by the name of Jennie Payne. If anyone can give any information of the above named persons, please address at once Lucy Mead, or her son, Sandy Anderson, Mineola, Wood county, Texas.


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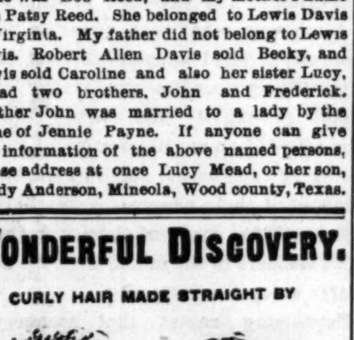

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"It will be noted that the New York Tribune is engaged in ably writing itself out of the Republican party."—New York Morning Advertiser.

Since the palmy days of the great Greely, before the "bee" got the better of his judgment, it hasn't been in it very earnestly, save for the loaves and fishes.

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"The Republican party has certainly demonstrated to the country that the Democratic party can't successfully run the government."—Richmond Planet.

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Be generous, gentlemen. Now if the Democratic party started in to run the government like the old women kept hotel, they have succeeded splendidly, don't you think?

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"The latest from the pen of Hon. Frederick Douglass is the "Lessons of the Hour." As a piece of greatest English literature it is superb, and the augmentative element is the strongest, perhaps, ever written in this country."—Texas Freeman.

Bosh! and Mr. Douglass, knowing us well, will understand and agree with us. The tendency to hyperbole on the part of the Negro is most pronounced, not to say disgusting. "As a piece of greatest English literature," is good, while this gem: "And the augmentative element is the strongest, perhaps, ever written in this country," is enough to make a peddler's mule leave its fodder. Great Scott! What are you looking for friend, an invitation to Anacostia or an honorary membership ticket of admission to the ranks of the "Immortals?" Stop it.

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"Taylor didn't treat Terry quite right, I am sure,
Although he has shown, the whites he cannot endure;
He will not employ them as Copyists at sight,
Unless they are ladies, then they may be white."
—[The Bee.

Now, look here brother, if the above is a veiled dagger meant for the District Recorder, all right, yet we don't believe in such methods. If on the other hand you intended it for poetry, sentence is already passed upon you—death at sight! Seriously, what in thunder are you driving at, anent Taylor, anyhow? According to your inuendoes and weekly hints, during the brief time he has been Recorder he has been guilty of all the sins of the decalogue. If he has lain himself liable to presidential displacement or Civil Service censure, has tainted the office honorable men have delighted to honor, out with it, or let go; see?

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Was it the "Voice of the People" who declared it, or did it come from some other source, that Harry Smith, of The Gazette, having been fortunate in reaching the acme of his ambition, would Achilles like sulk in his tent before lending the powerful (?) influence of his voice and journal in support of other Negro residents of the "Forest City" who might have ambitions to gather "plums?" By the time this goes to press we expect and hope, Hon. John P Green and S. W. Hansbary will receive the nominations, respectively, of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Justice of the Peace, anent of which The Gazette of last week spoke in this patriotic and sensible manner, proving conclusively that some one was laboring under a misapprehension of Bro. Smith's intentions:

"The Gazette takes pleasure in giving above a portrait of ex-Senator John P. Green, whose candidacy as well as personal history is well known to our local readers at least. For obvious reasons Afro-Americans of this county ought not to need any urging to support the only one of their number a candidate for the position named above. He and Mr. Hansbary (the only Afro-American candidate for Justice of the Peace) should receive the united support of our people of Cuyahoga county regardless of personal or any other ill feeling. This is not the time to oppose our own candidates. No other class under similar circumstances would do so. Mr. Green has the ability and experience necessary, and has fair prospects of being nominated. Our people should take pride in making his triumphant nomination an assured fact by united and enthusiastic support of his candidacy on the 16th. The same should be true in the case of Mr. Hansbary's candidacy. Do your duty. Of all classes it seems that we allow the most petty things to cause factional fights, which always result in injury to no one but our own class. It does seem that we do not benefit much by experience. Let this next week's primaries show that we do."

WE have a bran new tariff bill—but!

THE Chinese and Japanese war may urge some one to secure a "corner" on celestial blood.

GOING to press before the National Democratic League had fairly got down to business, we will give the same an airing in our next issue.

THE battle has opened! Read Dr. Henderson's letter on first page. Purification from the inside is essential, and the A. M E connection, powerful and beloved as she is, is still not great enough to even simulate an indifference to rank corruption festering within. In the meantime THE FREEMAN is the race's obedient servant. Now is the time to subscribe.

THE Washington Press is outwalling Jeremiah in his palmy days, when he was at his best, because forsooth the red headed Democratic Secretary of War has seen fit to give the "go by" to a grist of penmen in that department, some thirty odd, mainly for being Republicans no doubt. Its hard, but brethren this is politics; mean it may be, but politics just the same. This army of brilliant (?) young race men, with their friends, the boarding house keepers and money Shylocks at the Capital, should thank Bro. Lamont that he kept the ax from their necks as long as he did. Now let them get out and hustle, and by hard knocks obtain some idea of the stuff men are made of, instead of growing up dawdling, enervated creatures, wasting their best years sucking the public teat.

## NOTICE.

RICHMOND, VA., June 27, 1894.

To the Afro-American Press of the United States, Greeting:

The next annual meeting of the Afro American Press Association will be held in the City of Richmond, State of Virginia, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 11, 12 and 13, '94

There is much business to be transacted, momentous questions to be discussed and a new policy to be put into active operation. A large attendance is desired, and every editor should be represented in person. Signed:

JOHN MITCHELL, JR., Pres.,
Editor Richmond (Va.) Planet.
G. W. CLINTON, Sec'y,
Editor Star of Zion,
Salisbury, N. C.

## AN ELOQUENT PLEA.

Fannie Barrier Williams Speaks On Behalf of Her Race Before The Members of All Soul's Church (White), Chicago, Ill.

[From Inter Ocean of Aug. 6th.]

The present status and intellectual progress of colored women was shown in a concise and clear way by Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams in an address given yesterday morning at All Souls' church. * * *

In opening her remarks she said that there was a time when the term "womanhood" was not large enough in this Christian Republic to include any woman of African descent. With no shrine for her loves, cut off from all inspirations to the sanctities of pure womanhood, owning neither herself nor her destiny, the colored woman was for two centuries beyond the pale of thought and prayer. * * *

Speaking of the religious life of the colored women, she said:

PROGRESS IN RELIGIOUS LIFE.

"The religious life of the colored people since emancipation has not been essentially different from that of the Americans. Their impulses to devoutness and faith and moral rectitude have been derived from the same open Bible and the same doctrines that have been the inspiration of all other Christian people. The devout men and women who have gone among the colored men and women of the South

FANNIE BARRIER WILLIAMS
An Apostle of Humanity.

have always found them susceptible to the teachings of the Christian religion—a religion that exacts the highest standard of virtue and enforces its sanctities in all the relationships of life. If there are superstitions and crude conceptions in their religion, such crudities and superstitions are not racial and peculiar in kind, but are of the same sort and nature that characterize the intelligent devotees of Christianity everywhere. Like the nineteenth century women generally, it may be said especially of the colored women that they find congeniality in all the creeds, from the Catholic creed to the no-creed of Emerson. With talents scant and opportunities humble colored women have sought in all possible ways to give practical value to their faith and to elevate the standard of life in their midst. Does thirty years of struggling and yearning for the blessings and idealities of the Christian religion mean anything that is deep and determining in the life of the colored race? * * * Alas, no comforting answers can yet be given to these soul questionings of a whole race of women!"

IN THE WORK OF EDUCATION.

The speaker then spoke of the further progress of colored women in the work of education in schools and colleges. * * * In the past twenty-five years, and under conditions discouraging in the extreme, thousands of these women had been educated as teachers, and had adapted themselves to the lifting up of a whole race of people so eagerly and readily that they afforded an apt illustration of the power of self-help. A remarkable evidence of their progress as teachers is the fact that many of them are the prize teachers in the mixed schools of nearly every Northern city.

Expressing regret that necessity compelled her to speak on the question of the moral progress of colored women because the morality of their home life has been so disparagingly and meanly commented upon, Mrs. Williams continued as follows:

"It is proper to state with as much emphasis as possible that all questions relating to the moral progress of the colored women of America are impertinent and unjustly suggestive when they relate to the thousands of colored women in the North who are free from the vicious influences of slavery. It is also meanly suggestive as regards thousands of our women in the South whose force of character enabled them to escape the slavery taints of immorality. The question of the moral progress of colored women in the United States has force and meaning in this discussion only so far as it tells the story of how these once enslaved women have been struggling for over thirty years to emancipate themselves from the demoralization of their enslavement. While I duly appreciate the offensiveness of all references to American slavery, it is unavoidable to charge to that system every moral imperfection that mars the character of the colored American. * * *

"It is a great wonder that two centuries of such demoralization did not work a complete extinction of all the moral instincts. But the recuperative power of these women to regain their moral capabilities and to establish a respectable relationship to American womanhood are among the earlier evidences of their ability to rise above their conditions."

INJUSTICE TO COLORED WOMEN.

In commenting upon the rapid progress in religious, educational and other lines of the colored people, it was held that the general failure of the American people to recognize this important change of status was the cause of much injustice to the colored women. The fact that in the item of employment colored women bore a distressing burden of mean and unreasonable discrimination was deplored. * * *

Continuing, Mrs. Williams said:

"When you learn that womanhood everywhere amongst us is blossoming out into a greater fullness of everything that is sweet, beautiful and good in woman; when you learn that the bitterness of our experiences as citizen women has not hardened our finer sensibilities into hatred for enemies; when you learn that fierce opposition to the widening spheres of our employment has not abated the aspirations of our women to enter successfully into all the professions and arts open only to intelligence, and that everywhere in the wake of enlightened womanhood our women are seen and felt for the good they diffuse, women everywhere will at once see the fitness of our fellowship and will help to avert the arrows of prejudice that pierce our souls through the skin complexion of our bodies"

THE SWEAT SHOP SYSTEM.

The closing remarks were directed to the many women who are at the present time slaving out their lives in sweat shops and other like institutions, and were as follows:

"I must also remember as an inspiration to confidence and hope that thirty years ago we were alone in the wilderness of bondage crying aloud for freedom. Our happy release from that condition thrilled men and women everywhere with a more exalted sense of the value and sweetness of liberty. To-day we are not alone in any of our claims, disabilities, wants and hopes. That large number of wretched women who are stitching their lives out in the sweat shops of our large cities, the toiling men and women who groan and smart under the oppression of wealth, women of all kinds and conditions who are restive under the restraint imposed by senseless customs and unjust laws, in fact all our countrymen who are conscious of being forced to live short of a complete enjoyment of the privileges of life, are with us in our every contention. We have no monopoly in misery as we have no monopoly in fortune. There is somewhere and somehow a compensation for every difficulty we meet and complain of. There is some advantage in the fact that we are women claiming and yearning and aspiring for rights at a time when woman's winsome voice of supplication and stern command is heard and heeded above all the din and clamor of the times"

As between the two evils, the Democratic and Populist ticket, one a hybrid and the other a thoroughbred, we expect many of the Alabama Negroes knew what they were doing when they supported the former.

WHAT is known as the Woman's Loyal Legion held a meeting the early part of this week in New York City, Mrs. Victoria Matthews, president, saying among other things in her address that

The most horrible indignities were heaped on the Negro, and he had himself to blame for it, as he was too tame. He needed to be stirred up, and, when he awakened to the false position the white race had placed him in, he would rise in his might and quickly bring his white brethren to their senses. The rights as an American citizen were too sacred to be violated without protest

There's something in this. We have no doubt the lack of "nerve" displayed at the right moment has sent many a Negro unshrived before his Maker. And certainly the rights of citizenship cannot be too highly valued. But when Mrs. president Matthews urges the Negro to "rise in his might," 10,000,000 strong, to whip the life out of the remaining 50,000,000 or so of American citizens, she proves herself quite bloodthirsty and heartless.

## FANNIE BARRIER WILLIAMS.

The excerpt on this page from the scholarly and finished address delivered recently by the distinguished Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams, at All Soul's church, Chicago, to one of that city's intellectually recherche gatherings, is a gem in its way, and will be perused by our readers we know with profit and satisfaction. It will be noted, the eloquent and graceful advocate, treated her auditors to a restful departure from the traditional and somewhat ancient methods employed generally by race advocates, male and female, in their efforts to arouse the higher and better instincts of America's higher and better people, to the wrongs born to, and still endured by the Negro, and we hasten to record our pleasure, that she did. Pitching the key note of her appeal above the possibility of engaging the mere passions or prejudices of her listeners, referring to history with its record of the entailments of slavery, not as an irritant, but as a guide and a light, she interested without offending, and we doubt not left her audience in such a frame of mind, as was not nearly so much one of pity for the Negro, as one of mingled shame and resentment, that they were part and parcel of a people, the very culprits, of whom such shameful things could be charged, and so truthfully, by a lady of the "inferior race." This is well. The Negro has no need for pity, he has been treated to too much, quite enough of that sort of stuff. What the Negro needs, or rather what the whites of America need is a severe laceration and pricking of the most sensitive and tender spot in their mental and moral anatomy. They must be made ashamed of their pusillanimity and meanness, and made to feel and see how much blacker than the Negro's skin is their passive acquiescence in the wrongs that overwhelm him on every side. Upon the line of reasoning, as laid down by Mrs. Williams, must the deliverance of the Negro from the thongs that hold him in thrall be finally brought about. The so-called race problem can be stated in a nutshell. It exists because the whites are mean, selfish and thoughtless, it will cease to exist only when the whites becoming ashamed resolve of their own volition to treat the Negro just Mrs. Williams has grasped this fact and is finding her dearest life work in the service of the same.

### Royally Entertained.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Henderson, 354 Mc Callie Avenue, royally entertained a number of young people at their residence, Wednesday evening, Aug. 8 h, in honor of Miss Emma L. Holmes, of Atlanta, Ga. Miss Holmes and a number of young ladies were entertained very elaborately at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Laprade, on Harrison Ave., and at Mr. and Mrs. Tabbs, on Chesnut street. She left Wednesday for her home in Atlanta, Ga. Messrs. Will Foster and Gregory, of Nashville, Tenn., passed through the city last week and were the guests of C. E Newton and R. W. Allen. Mr. Foster was enroute to Niagra Falls and Mr. Gregory was returning from a visit to Knoxville. Dr. J. A. Lester, of Nashville, spent Sunday in our city, his visit being complimentary to one of our charming jewels, Miss L Coleman. Rev. M. Vann, president of the National Baptist convention, was installed last Sunday as pastor in charge of the First Baptist church of this city. His address on the occasion was very interesting.

Mrs. John P. Frierson and son have returned after quite a lengthy visit to their home in Columbia, Tenn. Miss C. L. Coleman has purchased a safety. Harry Martinett, originally of Knoxville, Tenn., is in the city and is one of the finest mandaline performers in the South. Mr. David Bone died Friday morning at the residence of his parents. Wiley Memorial M. E. church is preparing to have a rally in a few weeks at which a thousand dollars are to be raised, Rev. Geo. Zeigler pastor; help them in their distress. Leave your orders for The Freeman at Dr. O W James' drug store 403 west 9th street. Mr. John Mayse returned from a visit to his mother at Morristown, Sunday evening.

### Democrats Elected As Directors.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The Republican convention on the 11th elected Dr. Sid Houstin as member of the State Executive committee for the next two years. A very able and grand man for the place- Mr. Ed Moppin, the republican candidate for county clerk, made a good race. He would have been elected had we been rightly organized and stood up for our man. Hon. J. C. McAdams and W. H. Gosling addressed the convention; they got there from away back.

Hon. Ernest Cooper, and Messrs Gillis and Hite were elected directors of the public schools; they are democrats. Rev. Dr. L N. Merry, son-in-law of Damascus Cooper, delivered a very able sermon at the A. M. E. church on the 12th inst. Rev. Dr. T. A Hoyt, son-in-law of Hon. Edmund Cooper, was in the city the 11th inst. Mrs. B. J. Burkeen attended the Baptist Sunday school convention, held at Nashville, Tenn., as delegate. Miss Dowson, of Nashville, Tenn., is visiting her uncle, Mr. Lewis Mayers.

Messrs. W. H. Allison, S. C. Rainey, J S. Gilliland, W. H, Gosling, Drs Turner and Overton were members of the convention. All the teachers being out the Literary societies are not so flourishing at present. The Protracted meeting is still going on at the A. M E. church. Prof. T. T. Ransome and wife were in the city on the 11th instant. Prof. J. B. Garrett is at home again for a few days after quite a trip. The drama of Cinderella, given by Miss Sallie Hopkins, was grand. Charles Whitesides was in on the 11th inst. Prof. Chas. Davis has a very full school. At the Fish fry, given by Messrs Crutcker, Cammel and others that went seining, they caught 200 pounds; it was grand. They had plenty and some to spare. Prof. R. L. Whitesides has a full school. Mr. Spearrer of Murfreesboro was in the city the 11th as a delegate to the Republican convention. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.]

## ROBBING THE DEAD.

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mortals attempt to draw lines of demarkation or try to honor one and dishonor another. While it must be admitted that Bishop Turner is not the apparent or direct object of dishonor, yet whatever is taken from the honor of his departed wife, is taken from him.

Perhaps, however, I have spoken too rashly; perhaps I have over-drawn the picture; it may be that my extreme hate for deceit and treachery have gotten the best of me; if so, I beg God and my brethren to forgive me. I know there are good men in the Philadelphia conference; I would not for a moment try to impress the public otherwise; but good children often do very foolish things. Perhaps those good children meant no harm. May be they were ignorant of the dire effects their actions would have upon the minds of friends and relatives of the deceased.

I hope I am mistaken and they did not act maliciously. God grant that they meant good This, however, was a strange way to do good—robbing the dead.

### Installation of Officers.

Joplin, Mo., Special.

Mr. H. Graham, District Deputy G and Master of the Masonic fraternity of Missouri, visited the subordinate lodge in the Southern part of the state. While here he initiated, passed and raised three candidates. One candidate became terribly frightened, and as the weather was very warm, and his weight being 195 pounds, it took them two nights to get him on top of the pole. Mr. Graham also conducted the installation of officers.

### Politics at "Fever Heat."

Dardanelle, Ark., Special.

Prof. Knox, of the Baptist Vanguard, was in the city a few days ago soliciting subscriptions to aid in the completion of the Arkansas Baptist College. Cotton and corn crops are looking splendid, and the farmers are all smiles. The gubernatorial campaign opened at Conway. Messrs. Clarke, Remmel and Barker made the opening speeches for their respective parties. Arkansas politics will soon be at "fever heat," and then the fun will begin. Miss Lula Howell, who has been on a visit to her parents at Danville, passed through the city a few days ago enroute to Little Rock. If you desire to keep posted on all matters of interest to the race, call on or address Grant S. Neal, agent and correspondent for The Freeman.

### Attended the District Picnic.

Marion, Ind., Special.

Canton lodge attended the District picnic at Crawfordsville last week. Thos. Robinson went to Put-in-Bay, Thursday. Mrs. Thomas Larnse and daughter, Minnie, returned home Friday, after visiting several days with friends at Carthage Mrs. Mary Roberts, of Kokomo, Ind., is visiting friends here. Hon. Frank Gill returned home from Newcastle, Friday. Rev. H. H. Thompson is holding camp meeting at Montpealier, Ind. The Baptists will hold a camp meeting west of the city in Queen City Park. The young twin boy of J. M. Nichols is still ill. Please correct mistake of name which occurred in last issue in speaking of the twin boy of J. M Nichols. His name is Gary Nichols. Lawson Weaver went to Anderson on Monday to visit his sisters. Mrs. Dorsey Gulliford is still ill. The Freeman is on sale at J. M. Nichols' barber shop.

### A Grand Meeting.

Oyster Creek, Tex., Special.

We have had a grand meeting in our community for sometime, which caused seventeen persons to be added to the church of the living God, and four back sliden ones. Mr. S. J. Hallen reports as he has just returned from Huntsville, Tex, that his wife is getting up, which her many friends are glad to hear. Profs. B. T Wilson and Sutten have been with us for some time.

### "City of Roses."

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

Mr. Foster, a county professor now, can be seen around town occasionally. The Epworth league is increasing in attendance and interest under the management of Miss Allice Crumpton. Mrs. G. E Jones is smiling behind the curtains of her new dwelling. Mrs. Golden is in Searcy. Miss Lessie Richmond has become a school marm in the rural districts. Mrs Hill has returned from the springs. Mrs. D. Bruce has been very ill.

Miss Laura Ratcliffe is vacating at Searcy. Miss H. Saunders left on the 6th for Ft. Smith and Mr. L. N. Porter left for Ft Smith on the 6th. Prof. Wilkerson joined Bethel church on the 5th. Little Miss Mary Armstrong is taking lessons as a dress maker. Dr. Emory filled the Presbyterian pulpit on the 5th. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stephens are rejoicing over the arrival of a new comer, a little girl. Green Thompson's building is nearing completion. Dr. Suggs has been very sick. Prof. T. R Ish and wife have returned Mr. G E Jones spent several days among the "vapors" on business. The Misses Armstead are in the country for several weeks. The young people of Bethel church were organized Sunday. Mr. Blackwell has retired from business and is enjoying his honey moon.


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And Return Tuesday, August 28, Via The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton R. R., And Erie Line.

On Tuesday, August 28th. the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton R. R. and Erie Line will run a personally conducted excursion to Lake Chautauqua, Niagara Falls, Toronto and Thousand Islands. The rate from Indianapolis will be as follows: Lake Chautauqua and return, $4.00, tickets good 6 days including date of sale; to Niagara Falls and return, $5.00, tickets good 6 days including date of sale; Toronto and return, $6.00, tickets good 6 days including date of sale; tickets to Thousand Islands (Alexandria Bay), $10 00, tickets good 11 days including date of sale

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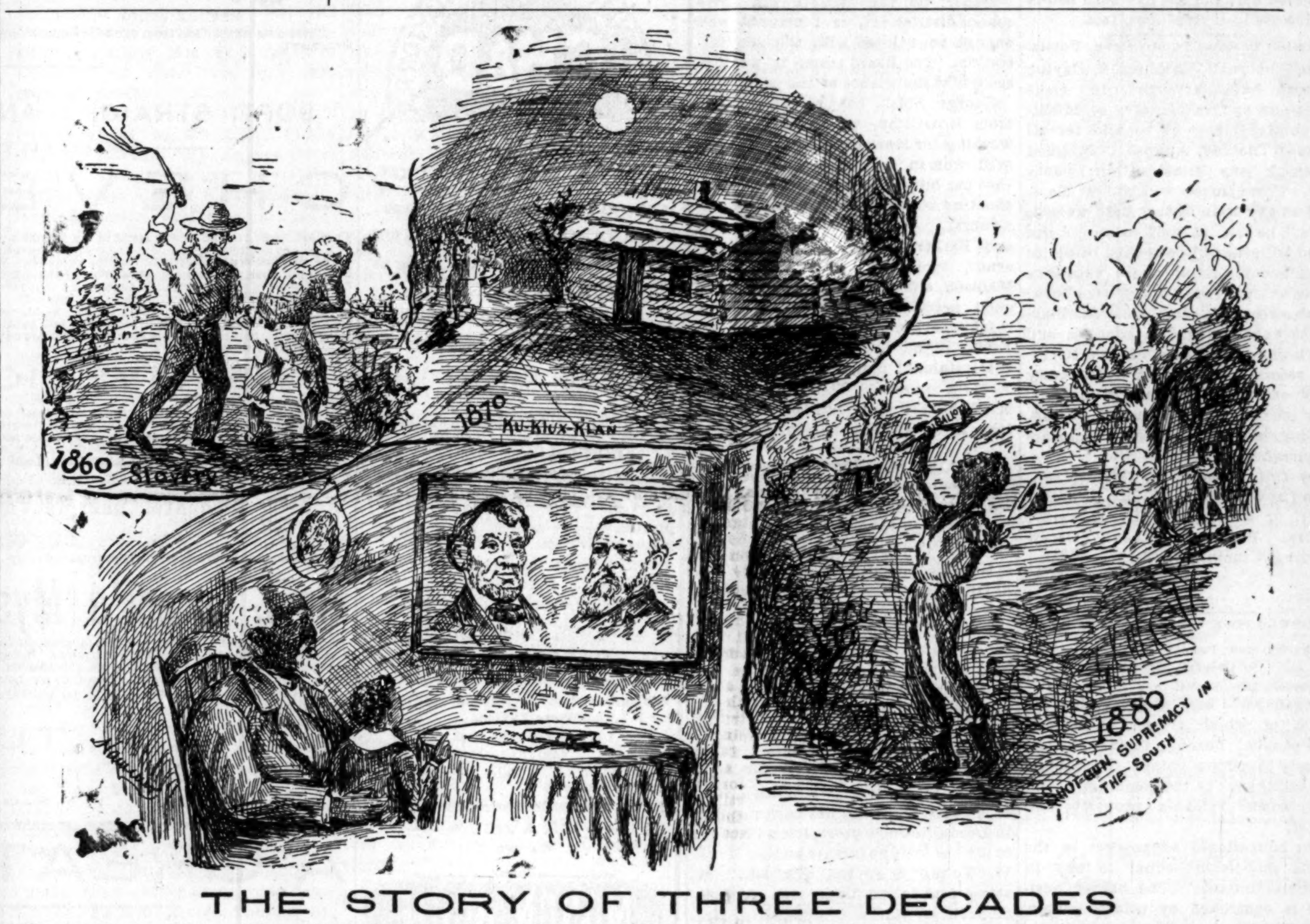


# THE STORY OF THREE DECADES

Of Negro Persecution. Respectfully Dedicated to the Consideration of the Members of the Late National Negro Democratic Convention.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

### Splendid Papers Read—Republican County Ticket.

Helena, Ark., Special.

Messrs. T. D. Wilson, W. H Ellis, D. B. Barrow, J. J. Jones, Jeff Bright, Abe Crawford and Mack Branner, committee of arrangements of the Union club, gave a fish fry and picnic to be long remembered. Miss Anna C. Watson is having a grand success at Marvell with her school. Policeman Jno. J. Jones has been quite sick for several days.

The Y M. S. C. is the oldest organization of young people in the city The officers are R P. Graves, president; S. T. Dally, vice president; M. W. Latting, secretary; W. S. Beard, treasurer. Mrs. Frances Smith dropped dead in West Helena, recently.

Jno. Adams received two of his brothers last week, Allen Maize and Gen. McNeal; the latter he had not seen in thirty years. Gen. Hardy Morgan (Uncle Hardy) has returned from a five months' visit to Hot Springs. Mrs. Elizabeth Brown died in South Helena very suddenly. Miss Minerva Gilbert is in the city from St. Louis, her new home. The Greenville team stayed here three days battling against Helena's club. The first day's game was 5 to 7 in favor of the visiting club; the second day's game stood 8 to 11 in favor of Greenville; the third day the Helenas batted the Greenville boys all over the field, making 13 to 9 in her favor.

The Teachers' Institute convened here Aug. 6th, lasting five days. Miss Glennie Chapples was elected secretary; Mrs Mack Butler, treasurer; Prof. H. Avant, manager. The night sessions were held in the K of P hall The programme was as follows: Monday—Prayer, Rev. E. C. Morris, D D.; "Some of the Responsibilities of a Teacher," Mrs. L. E. Butler; "Health and comfort of school children," T. J Burchett; "How to deal with stubborn pupils," Mrs. C. W. Miller; opening Query box.

Tuesday evening—Prayer, Rev. G. W. Swan; "Reviews in Primary Work," Mrs. J. A. Crawford; "Who Should Teach?" Mrs. M. G. Turner; address, "Physiology," Dr. J. W. O. Marquess; "What has been accomplished among us in the educational field," discussed by Messrs. H P Morris, C. C. Burchett and others; opening Query box.

Friday evening—Prayer, M. A. Alexander; "How to Encourage Punctuality," Miss Anna C. Watson; "Thoroughness," J S. Drew. Debate: "Resolved, That compulsory education would be for the better." Affirmative, W. S. Conner and A. D. Davis; negative, S. E. Emmerson and W. T. Wood. Prof. J. E Carter, Prof. T. D. Wilson and Geo. Ormond were judges. The affirmative won. The Desoto lodge, No. 2106, made it quite pleasant for the young folks at the Armory hall.

The residence of Mrs. F. Alexander is undergoing an improvement during her absence. In a dispute Tate Banks, white, shot Harry Ross in the abdomen. He died in a few days. Tate claims that the shooting was in self defence and goes free. This took place on Fitzhugh's farm Miss Elizabeth Williams returned from Bolivia, Miss., where she has been residing, to the city to stay with her father, Jerry Warren, a friend of The Freeman. While attending the burial of Mr Robert Wood, who died in South Helena, some miscreant robbed the house of nearly everything. Mrs. Violet Win's baby has been very sick but is slowly improving. Rev. S. D. Gibson preached to 1000 persons last Sunday night.

The following county ticket was nominated by the republicans of this (Phillips) county on the 8th inst.: For representative, W. S. Connor; treasurer, W. N. Straub; assessor, H. P. Morris; coronor, Abe Crawford. The nominees are all well known and influential republicans and will poll the full party vote on the 3rd of Sept. and thereby be elected. The Y P. B. U. rendered quite an interesting program on last Wednesday evening; a large number of visitors were present. The state Baptist convention, which is the largest religious organization in the state will convene in this city on the 22nd inst. E. C. Morris of this city is president.

## SWELL BANQUET

### Given By Prominent Leaders in Colored Society.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.

The banquet that was given here last week by the prominent colored young men and women of Birmingham complimentary to the young women and men of Anniston, Tuskaloosa and Rome, Ga., was a swell affair in colored circles The young men were all out in full dress and the damsels were on hand as well. The grand march came off at 9:30 o'clock, led by R. L. Jackson, of this city, and Miss Stevens, of Anniston, Ala. Then the dance programme followed. Supper was served at 12 o'clock. The guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy and sister, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mr. Tarry, city; Miss J. Stevens, of Anniston; C. Mitchel, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Miss L. Gleen, city; J Cook, Anniston, Ala.; Miss M. White, city; Mr. Scott, Anniston; Miss L. Edwards, city; C. Tilley, city; Miss McGhee, Anniston; Mr. Foard, Miss Phifer, F. Jones, Miss Webster, Mr. Short, Miss Oliver, W. Fient, Miss Smith, D. Cammack, Miss J. Johnson, Mr. Cornealious, Miss P. Henderson, Prof. Auguster, Miss Weaver, A. Cammack, Miss E. Gleen, Mr. Foster, Miss Spence, J. Moore, Miss Coffee, H. C. Campbelll, Miss L. Henderson, Mr. Nash, Mr. Calvi t, G. I. Jackson, Miss England, C Harvey, Miss Falkner, J. Jackson, Miss Haywood, E. Williams, Miss Frieson, Mr. Taylor, Miss Clark, J Parker, Miss V. Rodgers, J. Harvey, Miss Jones, Mr. DeLoach, Miss E. Howard, Mr. Davis, Miss Woodfrin, Mr. Burks, Miss N. Rodgers, Messrs. Gibbins, Hendericks and Crooks, of Anniston; P. Clark, Morris J. Edwards, G. Doaks Mitchell, and Jas. A. Ross, the prominent colored orator and editor of Brooklyn, N. Y. R L. Jackson had charge of the programme of dancing for the evening, assisted by Prof. Walker, and we cannot say too much for the excellent and most perfect arrangements of Messrs. Edwards and White.

### A Revival in Progress.

Kelso, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Callie Hill, wife of Terry Hill, died July 29th. She was a member of Moore's Chapel A. M. E. church. She leaves a husband and one child. She was buried in the cemetery at Moore's Chapel. Rev. A Brown, of Lewisburg, Tenn., has been visiting friends in this vicinity. Prof. Ambrose Dobbins visited our school July 31st and gave an interesting talk. Our school, taught by your scribe, is progressing very well and has fifty-five pupils enrolled. The Sunday school, literary and singing choir are still making good progress. Mrs. Hattie A. Rice, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is visiting her husband and children, of Kelso. Mrs Easter Rice has been very sick, but is now convalescent. The election of Lincoln county is over and there are a number of men wearing smiles on their faces, while there are others who look very sad. Well everybody cannot be elected. Rev. Reynolds is holding a revival here

### Working Men's Club To Meet.

Monmouth, Ill., Special.

The workingmen's republican club will meet in their rooms Friday night Quite a number of the colored men attended these meetings, and we hope ere long they will be doubly repaid for they patience and loyalty.

Rev. J. R. Clemons made a short address at the Reform club picnic (white) last Wednesday. Mrs. John Smith gave a tea party in honor of a few lady friends last Monday evening. The order of the Eastern star was organized here last week by Prof. Steals, of Quincy. The order starts out with bright prospects.

Mr. and Miss Zack Brown, of Galesburg, visited the family of Mrs. Catlin last week. Miss Dally Thunman, who has been visiting her grand parents, returned to her home in Quincy. Mrs. Eson Mitchell is on the sick list. Mrs. R. L. Wallace and daughter Miss Ella, will visit friends in Kentucky in the near future. Mrs. Ella Knight is indisposed. Mr. Leonora Garnett is a prosperous farmer living east of the city. Mr. Garnett is well fixed in this world's goods, and advice more of our people to go to the country.

Mrs. Beam, a noted lecturess, lectured at the second Baptist church last Tuesday night. Miss Kittie Catlin is preparing to attend Knox College, Knoxville, Tenn., next month.

## A COMMERCIAL COLLEGE

### At Normal, Ala.—The Doorway to The Commercial World.

On Sept. 1, 1894, the Commercial College at Normal, Ala., will swing wide its doors to welcome the sons and daughters of Africa; to prepare them for business; to equip them for every avenue in the commercial world; to start them out upon the royal road to fame, fortune and success.

The College is located so as to be easily reached from all sections of the the South. While we have literary and industrial training, we have had very little business training, consequently the race is a failure in the commercial world. The Commercial College is the doorway to the commercial world, and we the people of the South highly endorse this grand movement.

In speaking to the principal of this grand institution, he said: "It is my aim to make it one of the grandest in America and the most thoroughly equipped colored Commercial college in the world. It can be easily reached at this point from all sections of the country I think it is just the thing that is needed and think there will be no question of doubt about the success of such an institution, which is so much needed by our people and which can be easily reached by all. At present we will teach typewriting, shorthand, book-keeping, telegraphy and Commercial law; other things will be added from time to time."

The principal of this institution, Geo. W. Scott, of Birmingham, Ala., is a graduate of the State Normal and Industrial School, Normal, Ala., also a graduate of one of the leading Commercial colleges of the United States. Mr. Scott has had practical experience in the Commercial world. He has filled positions of honor and trust in various parts of the country. He has rare business qualifications, tact and push and must succeed.

May he be successful in the great work.

ONE OF THE SOUTH.

### Theological Institute In Convention.

Morrilton, Ark., Special.

The Theological Institute and Sunday school convention of the Little Rock and Fort Smith district of the A. M. E. church, has been in session here during this week. Among the important subjects discussed were the following:

"How to study the Bible;" "Mental Philosophy;" "Influence of Jesus on the intellectual life of man;" "The Holy ghost and his mission in the world;" "The influence of Jesus on the emotional life of man;" "The preacher and his duty to the pew;" "The church and its duty to the world" Miss H. V. Pherslle, of Morrilton, delivered the welcome address, responded to by Miss Etta Robinson and Miss Lula Paterson, of Little Rock.

On Tuesday night August 7th, Rev. T. H. Jackson, D. D. of Little Rock, delivered a most wonderful address on mental philosophy. Dr. G D P Rucker, of Fort Smith, Rev. J. L. Grigsby, of Argenta, Rev. T. J. Hill, Rev. S. E Johnson, Miss Mamie Rosser, of Atkins, Miss Ada Thomas, of Morrilton, were among the delegates. A distinguished character among the invited guests, was Rev. Ponton, principal of Shorter Institute, Arkadelphia.

The special reception at Miss Cora Carters Wednesday night, was among the best of the season. Rev S. E Johnson, of Clarksville, Dr. Rucker, Rev. J. L. Hill lodged at Miss Nannie Tuttles during the convention. Mrs. Phillis, Mrs. Solomon, Mrs. Caroline Carter, Mrs. L. Brooks and Mrs. R. Crery, were others who made things pleasant for the delagates. Prof. R. B. Skyle opened the public school of Morrilton August 6th, with forty-two pupils.

### Social Club Entertained.

Eagle Pass, Texas, Special.

There was a grand entertainment given by the Eagle Pass social club on the 7th inst, at the resident of Mrs. Bradberry. Mr. Emmit Gribsby was among the number with his guitar. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E R Gribsby, Mr. and Mrs. Weaner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams, Mrs. Becton, Mrs. Hill. The Misses Mary Williams, of San Antonio, Mary Williams. of Brackett, Tex. E. Allen, O. Jackson, Mr. B Barry, Mr. Tom Smith, Malona Griffin, of Uvalde Tex., Mrs. William Oxford, Prof. S. H. Dodson, W. Weare Esq. Miss Lilly Brown, Miss L. Young Rev. H. Lynch, Rev. J. W. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramas, Del Rio Tex., are here visiting friends and relatives. Miss Malona Griffier one of the Uvalde young ladies, will spend a few days visiting Mrs. H. Williams and friends in Eagle Pass. Mr. J. Hunter is the deligate of G U. O. of O. F. to B. M. C at Boston. Rev. A Lynch has returned from Uvalde, Tex. Cap, R. G. Ellies who has been recently appointed Major, will leave about the 27th for San Antonio for the drill.

### White and Black Clubs.

Brazoria, Texas, Special.

There was a call meeting of the Republicans here last week, so some say; "it was to do away with the political tricksters" The club meeting was a failure. The white Republican club, sent a report to the colored Republican club, which was adopted. Some one of the colored club, didn't like the idea of there being two republican clubs in this town, the white committee said, if needed we will do away with our club and unite with you, if you think best. The following resolutions were offered by E. C. Branch, and was adopted:

Whereas we are organized for doing business in a republican club, which means political brotherhood. Then our watchword should be unity, so that our sentiments should be one united sentiment.

Therefore be it resolved, that if any member, or members of this club, support any candidates except the candidates put forward by the white and colored republican clubs, the said persons shall be turned out of this club.

Be it further resolved. That we earnestly request the republican clubs of this country to accept of this resolution.

The summer Normal has ended its session, and the teachers have gone to their homes. Prof. Daniel Webster Wilson arrived last week, he looks well. He will be in the Republican fight.

### Alabama Colored People Warned.

Any colored person of the South, especially of the state of Alabama and city of Selma, Ala., will do themselves great injury by paying any attention or losing one minute with any of the members of the Democratic club known as the Oats Club that has been formed by Rev. W H. Mixon, presiding elder of the A M E connection, and several other supposed leading men of the race and gospel. The Bishop of this district has been sent for by the people of the A M E. connection and no doubt the heads of these unworthy Democrat elders will be chopped off, cast out of the denomination. R. M. JOHNS, Selma, Ala.

## THE CATARACT RECEPTION.

### The Beaux And Belles Out in Full Force, The Belle of the Evening.

The second annual reception of the Cataract Social Club was held at the Casino opera house Wednesday evening August 8th. Every train arriving after 11 a. m was met by the reception committee, and the guests were escorted to the leadig hotels.

Shortly after 8 o'clock in the evening, Fall Street from Riverway Ave., seemed to be a mass of carriages. The ball was preceeded by a grand concert of instrumental and vocal solos, by Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hall, of Buffalo. Hall's comic and sentimental songs, were well rendered.

Miss Dolly Dickson, one of Buffalo's leading young ladies recited the African chief in a powerful manner. Mr. Nelson Fairbust tenor soloist, of Buffalo, rendered several difficult selections, which were encored several times. The mandoline and guitar club, lead by Prof. Morris, of Albion, New York, rendered several classic selections. The Freeman correspondent, (A. C. Kelly) rendered "They all love Jack," a baritone solo. Mr. Pierman rendered "Those fatal wedding bells" in a superb manner. A piano solo by Master Robt. Detts ended the programme.

The grand march started promptly at 10:30 p. m. lead by Miss Lelia Thomson and William Talbot, Buffalo, with Miss Edith Ross and Garry Tucker, of Buffalo, as second.

Over one hundred (100) couple took part in the grand march. The ladies were all dressed beautifully. The committee who returned the report of the Belle of the evening, was obliged to hand in the names of four ladies. It was impossible to determine which one was belle. The ladies were Miss Aelena Johnson, of Niagara Falls, New York, Mrs. J. R. Ransom, Miss Minnie Cross, of Niagara Falls, Canada. Of the out of town guest, Miss Bessie Young, of Brooklyn New York, was chosen. Many other prominent faces present were Miss Mary Constance, Miss Lelia Thompson, Mrs. Alice Forman, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Miss Josie Henderson, Florence Storey, Edith Ross, Clara White, Carrie Walker and Gertrude Spencer. Messrs. H. Constance, William Talbot, N F. Fairbust, Garry Tucker, William Bartletfall, of Buffalo, W. H. Smith Toronto; George Morris, Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Forman, Albany; Miss Bessie Young, Brooklyn; Dr. Wheatland Washington, D. C. Niagara Falls guests were Miss Mamie Johnson, Eva Smith, Hattie and Lydia Lee, Florence Lane, C. Pierman, Mamie Hamlin, Rachel Gross Sarah Little, Mabel Smith. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Keyes, Mr, John Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Detts, Messers E. Wonders, R. Jackson, B Sutton, J. Lee, Author Johnson, T. Plats, R. Taylor, R Pierman, W. Bently, W. Smith. C Smith, George Cole. William Butler, E. Smith, Mrs. Edward Smith, R Wilkins and many others.

The following are the committees who had charge of the reception: A. Stanley, President, A C. Kelly, Secretary, J. R. Ransom, Manager, E. Cassey, Asst. Secretary, E Hill, Treasurer. Reception committee, L Morris, J. Brown, I. Tilghman, S. E Morris and George Henderson.

Friday afternoon A. C. Kelly in behalf of the gentlemen of the Cataract Dining Hall presented W. B. Keyes, the eminent head-waiter with a beautiful gold chain, after a brief speech by the presentee, Mr. Keyes responded thanking the gentlemen for remembering him so kindly. In the evening a surprise was tendered Mr. Keyes at his residence, and a pleasant time was spent by all. A birthday address was made by Mr. W. F. Stewart, after which a collation was spread, and enjoyed by all, Mr. and Mrs. Keyes were then presented with a beautiful lemonade set, by Mr. and Mrs Miller. Prominent among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith Mr. and Mrs. A. Fayette, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Miller, Miss Eva Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ransom, Mamie Hamlin and the correspondent. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee, and Dr. Conroy and wife, of New York City, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Keyes for the past week were also present,

The waiters of the international hotel are preparing for a grand cake walk and ball August 29th. Please don't forget the date.

## A FEW OF THE THOUSANDS.

### "Find It So Interesting."

MR. EDITOR:

Please renew my subscription. I am very much pleased with your paper. It comes regularly and I find it very interesting.

MRS LELIA M. WILLIAMS,
318 Grayson street,
July 31, '94. Jackson, Miss.

### "Every Time I Like It Better."

Please find inclosed $1.00 to renew my subscription to The Freeman. I have been reading your paper for three years, and every time I read it I like it better. It is a great paper.

R. C. CLEMMONS,
Lakeland, Polk county, Fla.
July 28, '94.

### "Can't Afford to be Without It."

Please find money order for $1.00, for which you will please renew my subscription as my time is nearly out and I can't afford to be without it.

LAURA BROOKS, Monrovia, Ind.
Aug. 3, '94.

### "Valuable Paper."

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Please find inclosed 50 cents in stamps for your valuable paper for six months.

Yours, W. T. LILLISON,
1319 Clinton street,
July 30, '94. Knoxville, Tenn.

### Most Interesting She Ever Read.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Inclosed please find $1.00 for the renewal of my subscription, as The Freeman is the most interesting race paper that I have read.

MISS LULA MASON,
July 9, '94. Crescent Hill, Ky.

### Will Continue To Take It.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Find inclosed $1.00 for my subscription to The Freeman. I am well pleased with the paper and will continue to take it as long as it stands up for the race and is not ashamed to denounce lynch law and mob rule.

E. W. DORSEY,
July 24, '94. Parsons, Kan.

### His Wife Joins Him.

My wife is very fond of The Freeman and always joins me in my subscription.

WILEY EDWARDS, Franklin, La.

### "Greatest Negro Paper In The World."

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I send $1.00, please renew my subscription to The Freeman for another year. Success to the greatest Negro paper in the world—The Freeman. Long may it live.

H. H. GASTON,
Lock Box 872. Palestine, Tex.
July 16, '94.

### "Ought To Be In The Home of Every Afro-American."

MR. EDITOR:

I have been taking The Freeman about six months, and I like it splendidly; it is a fine paper. You will find inclosed fifty cents in postage stamps, for which please send me the grand Negro organ six more months. It ought to be in the home of every Afro-American.

R. T. GIBSON, Oakville, Ala.
July 5, '94.

### The Other Race.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Inclosed you will find $1.00 in payment for my subscription to your great paper, The Freeman, for one year.

STANTON J. PEELLE,
Judge of the Court of Claims,
April 1, '94. Washington D. C.

### "Would Not Be Without It."

MR. EDITOR:

I send inclosed $1.00 to pay my renewal to The Freeman—a great paper. I would not be without it.

BENJ. JOHNSON, Towson, Md.,
July 26, '94. Box 178.

### Liked Our Pious Argument.

MR. EDITOR:

Please put my name on The Freeman list again. After seeing that very pious and sensible argument on "Winter Baptisms" I decided to continue, but was unable to remit in time. Find inclosed $1.00.

C. P. JONES,
July 23, '94. Selma, Ala.

JUST A FEW LEFT! Cut this out Send it with your RENEWAL and get a number of HOLY LAND PHOTOGRAPHED FREE. Send Early. They are Going, Going, Going! *

There are thirteen colored lawyers in Boston.

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All the mail carriers of Clarksville, Tenn. are colored.

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Mr. Wm. Curry is the oldest colored mail carrier in the United States.

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Wm. Dixon, a very able Tennesseean, is a candidate for the legislature of that state.

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Bishop Hurst, before sailing for Europe, was made a member of the Authors' Club of New York.

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Hon. A. H. Grimke of Boston, Mass. has been appointed by President Cleveland, Consul to San Domingo.

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Dr. J. M. Buckley has been appointed one of the managers of the New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum.

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Hon. Henry C. Smith, U. S. Consul to Santos, Brazil, is engaged in writing a history of the Negro in Brazil.

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Jones Brown of Leavenworth, Kan., has been employed as motorman on the electric street railway of that city.

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Geo. Grant, a colored man and a native of Ireland, has applied for citizenship papers in the New York high courts.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and her company of Afro-American artists, played East Lynne at Saratoga, N. Y., July 30th and 31st.

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The 16th annual session of the Mataponi Baptist Association met in Richmond, Va., in the Sharon Baptist Church on August 1st.

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Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Baker, of Houston, possibly the wealthiest Negroes in Texas, are now touring the principle cities of the old world.

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Dr. Garnett formerly of State University Louisville, Ky, and his talented and accomplished wife will conduct the affairs of Houston Academy next year.

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Rev. Walter Thompson of Asbury Park, N. J., was appointed a member of the local committee on the National Teachers' Association, which recently met in that city.

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Columbus, Texas, has a fine park owened by Negroes. Houston colored citizens have owned a celebration park for years and have recently improved the same.

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Chas. Lanier, ex-President Harrison's private messenger and who has also acted in the same capacity for President Cleveland, has been succeeded by Samuel Murray. Mr. Murray is from Buffalo N. Y., and is well known to the president. A salary of $1,200 is attached to the position.

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Berea College, Berea, Ky., the only "mixed" college with the exception of Atlanta University, in the south, has closed a very successful year. There were 134 more students in attendance than last year and more than in any former year. The introduction of manual training has made a marked improvement in the school.

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Henry Jones, a young colored man known as "the life saver", of New York, made his ninth rescue Aug. 1st. Two young ladies were out boating on the Hackensack and their boat upset. One of the young ladies swam to the shore, but as her companion was unable to swim. she could not move in the water. She was going down for third time when he grasped her waist.

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The Herculean Club of Indianapolis, recently organized by the young colored men of that city, gave their first outing and picnic at the Fair Grounds on August 10th' Athletic contests were the main features of the day and prizes were given the successful competitors. Addresses were made by prominent citizens and a concert was also given, in which the best home talent participated.

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Uncle John Holland, colored, who died in Kent county, Delaware, at the reputed age of one hundred and eight, was famed for sobriety in all things save imagination. Two years ago, he professed to have visited Heaven and to have seen and recognized there a white lady of his acquaintance. His descriptions of the celestial city were graphic and a bit ludicrous, but they were heard with open-mouthed wonder by his brothern.

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Miss Emma Bryant of 443 Hudson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., was a very dark Afro-American who, from the wonderful change in the color of her skin, now looks more like a white woman. The change is so marked that many people who have known her for years fail to recognize her when on the street. The case has attracted much attention from physicians who have seen her, and she has been before the doctors in several hospitals.

### Reduction In Rates To Michigan Points.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad have arranged to make special low excursion rates to Michigan points; tickets to be sold for all trains of Tuesday, August 14th, good returning any time within twenty days. These tickets will be first class, good on any train of that date named, and will be sold at half rates for the round trip, the object of this being to accommodate those whose vacations do not extend longer than two or three weeks, and at the same time familiarize the public with the beauties and health-giving qualities of the Michigan resorts. This is an opportunity which can not be ignored by invalids, or by tourists who are fond of fishing, hunting, boating or any of the mumerous pleasures of out door life.

For full information, tickets, etc., call on any C. H. & D. R. R. ticket agent, or address D. G. Edwards, General Passenger Agent, Carew Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

J. D. Balwin D. Pa,
Indianapolis, Ind.

### POPULATION OF LOGANSPORT.

#### A Thrifty and Industrious Community of Colored People.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Logansport has a population of 20,000, of which about 150 are colored people. Through their thrift and honesty they have gained the respect and confidence of the community and many own valuable property and homes.

Our educational advantages in the public schools are equal to any in northern Indiana. The barber business is controlled by colored people, there being nine shops, several of which have recently been refitted and remodeled. The A. M. E. church is in charge of Rev. L. W. Ratliff, through whose energetic work it has been decorated and painted. It is a beautiful church property, with the parsonage in the rear, situated on one of the principal thoroughfares and but a short distance from the main part of the city. Rev. Ratliff has also paid a debt of $888.78 on the A. M. E. church of Peru, of which he has charge.

The Star club rendered some choice selections for the W. C. T. U. Wednesday evening at Spencer Park. The W. C. T. U. gave a reception last week in honor of Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Ratliff. A number of our representative business men met Tuesday night at Harris & Jones' barber shop to organize a local secret lodge, and the majority favored the Odd Fellows' lodge. A committee, consisting of Messrs. H. B. Turner, A. J. Allen and Hodge, was appointed to solicit members.

Rev. L. W. Ratliff has arranged to open a camp at Peru on Aug. 9th to continue ten days. Mrs. B. Keelum will aid in the singing. Mrs. J. Parker continues seriously sick. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Parker has recovered from an attack of cholera infantum. Samuel Ratliff is out again, after a few days' illness. Esther and Dollie, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. S Jones, are recovering from typhoid fever. J. A. Carter is out with us again, after a severe attack of the gout. Mrs. Ratliff is suffering from tonsolitis. Mrs. Geneva Moore and daughter, of Eldon, Ia., are visiting relatives and friends in the city. Mrs. W. R. Hall departed Thursday to join her husband in Crawfordsville, where they will reside in the future.

The young people of the A. M. E. church gave an entertainment on Wednesday evening. Prof. F. Brooks, of the Lake View barber shop, has returned from an extended trip for his health through the South. Alex. Hammonds departed on the 6th for his home in Crawfordsville to visit relatives and friends. He will attend the state meeting of Odd Fellows on the 9th of August. Henry Brown and Miss Ada Daniels, of Huntington, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell. E. Russell and Miss May Wilson were united in marriage Sunday evening, Aug. 5th, at the home of the bride, on Pontiac street, Rev. Ratliff officiating. Our congratulations go with them. H. Harris departed for Muncie and other places on the 5th. The Logansport Brownies, champion colored team of northern Indiana, is prepared for all comers. Address challenges to Chas. W. Hill, 312 Pearl street. Clarence Hill is agent for The Freeman, 312 Third street.

### Politics in Everything.

Conway, Ark., Special.

Allow me space for a few dots from our little town, as the many readers of your much appreciated paper would like to see the name of Conway in your paper.

Politics is above blood heat and is in most everything; in the church and in the social circle. The schools in most places of Arkansas are run by politics. If one wants a lifetime job in a great many districts he must be a political cat's paw. I can't say whether its the case in our town school district yet, as I am not well enough acquainted with the administration. The Board seems to want to recognize the wishes of the people.

George Steel has returned home from Morrillton, where he has been working for more than a year. A colored woman named Mrs. Thompson shot her blind husband, recently. The shooting is supposed to have been accidental. Messrs. Clark, Remmels and Barker, all candidates for Governor, spoke here last week. Dr. Madison, our colored physician, has a good practice. A grand entertainment was given by the Odd Fellows Friday night, and there was another entertainment Saturday night, at the A. M. E. church. The St. James C. M. E. church will run an excursion from Little Rock here on the 21st.

### First Girl Baby Born in Leadville.

Leadville, Col., Special.

Mr. William Randolph and family contemplated leaving here on the 1st for the City of Mexico. Mr. Randolph is the oldest colored barber in the city, having come here in the early days of the camp. His oldest daughter was the first girl baby born in Leadville, for which event the mother received a gold medal. The picnic given on the 1st at Elsmere Park by the Good Samarians and Daughters of Samaria was well attended. The rounding-up entertainment at the Masonic Hall in the evening was the most enjoyable affair of the season. Mr. William Bass of Atlanta, Ga., who has been residing in Leadville some years, left on the 4th to try his fortune further west. Mr. J. W. Young is on the sick list. The stone foundation under the A. M. E. Church is nearly completed. Mrs. Fannie Smith, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Benton, of this city, for several weeks, has returned to her home in Tacoma, Wash. Mrs. Henry Everetts is expecting Mrs. R. S. Colsbury, of Colorado Springs, to visit her soon. Mary Richardson, of Leavenworth, Kan., is highly pleased with our city, and thinks she will spend many summers here in the future. The A. M. E. Sunday-school will elect the annual officers on September 6.

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# BISHOP TURNER'S MIND,

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BY JOHN W. SHITH, PINE BLUFF, ARK.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I thought you would like a line from this part of the south in the way of news for your great cosmopolitian paper, the grand old Freeman. This week has been a grand one for the people of Arkansas. On last week Rt Rev. Bishop H. M. Turner, of Georgia, held an educational meeting among the prelates and the boards of the A. M. E. church at this place and after a three days of successful militiary maneuvers, they, with the people of Pine Bluff, marched in grand pagentry to millionaire Wiley Jones' grand park where the bishop delivered the great speech of his life on his travels and scenes in "Afric's land." The old man is still at home on the rostrum. There is no man to-day held in as high esteem by the A. M. E. connection as he is. As Gladstone is to England so Turner is to his church. He is sometimes flashy, truckulent, maneuvering, and impolitic as to affiliation in politics. For some time he was republican; some time tinctured with the hydra-headed monster, distruction, and again Prohibition, but always an A. M. E. Turner is in some notions precarious, some erroneous; unlike the great erudite scholar and master of the diamond point, Tanner, who is as true to party as, to church and John-Bunyon-like is ever on the road of truth and patriotism. A man of fact as much to be relied on in history as Bornes, Ridpath or Thallheimer. Turner will leave this world in doubt, as to his trend of thought, policy, and actions in his second and third plays of his race drama. As much so as the great Blaine, who left many foreign nations in dilemma in this correspondence touching upon the great questions of international law.

Blaine was nothing if not foxey. Turner is at himself when sensational, defiant, abtruse, flarry and to use street vernacular a "leettle out of sight." When the Union was at stake Blaine, in congress, was a great advocate of national centralization But when the state of Louisanna took the law in its own bloody hands, clothed with the shame of murder, assasina-nulifying, home robbing, and mobocracy and when she had transcended the limits of all decent dealing with her culprits and invaded the law between the nations, by taking the lives of eleven Italians as foreign birthed *citizens*; then it was that Mr. Blaine saw his escape through the great doctrine of state rights and the cost of a banana pealing and a fine office. And now comes our high priest dressed in his African ephod loaded down as it were with the verbiage of a Charles Dickens or a Gibbon-Kenna-like, telling the poor deluded sons and daughters of America that this is not the land for thee, but into the hot sands of Africa, where the second Robert Emmett's feet have trodden and made sacred for our sacred rights.

But Oh. my God could the pages be opened and read and behold England, France, and Germany, with strong, athletic soldiers backed with gold, guns, amunition, experience and discipline of war praying for the day to make haste when the American Negro may make the hazard. Let the spider into my net, say they and John Bull. Nations vie with each other forever as do individuals and it would be a nice thing for these governments to get from the United States, 8,000,000 of civilized men to form themselves into a government to be soon submerged to their use and what government is it, that is so dollish that it would not spend its gold to have its story told, whether it be by prelate, bishop, or note, since its is England, France, and Germany's fate. Hon. A. M. Middlebrooks, Ex-Internal Revenue Collector for this district was also on the program to speak that day. But circumstances over which the young knight had no control prevented him from being present. Middlebrook is to Turner what Charles Sumner was to Ben Butler, A great race advocate. Never dashing, both thoughtful, sedate, careful, fostering and for reaching in whatever he has to do or does for the advancement of race interest. He is classed among the young Negro men well educated, classically, religiously, and politically. He was "dubbed" in the last national election as the Fred Douglass of the South by the national committee. He prides himself in race love as far back as Sesestro's and his prince. Hon. Middlebrook is loved by those who know him. He has sacrificed a fortune for the race and in their sore distress no man ever knocked at his door for bread that did not get it.

Middlebrook is a Baptist and is to his church what the lesser Benedict under the older, was to England. He is at present state missionary at large doing the work of an evangelist and he is worthy of his steel. Of all the men it has been the privilege of your correspondent to meet, Middlebrooks is the prodigy. He talks of the Bible before an audience of 500 or 1000 people, goes through a chapter as a teacher would a page in a reader; then says to the institute, any questions? Not less than 50 will be asked and all of them answered as clearly as asked. From this he will spend 20 minutes on a lecture in Homeletics, then the state and condition of society, what the Negro should do and do quickley, agriculture, education, money making, and money saving and how to spend a dollar in the best investiment, and then stand up for an hour and let them ask him questions of material interest to the race and answer them all satisfactorially, The Baptist in this state are doing a great work, erecting a college in Little Rock at a cost of $40,000. The A. M. E. school at Arkadelphia will be presided over this year by Ohio. Pine Bluff is a growing city in society and wealth. Mr. Wiley Jones is still forging to the front with his mercantile business; also with his fine horse mansion and stock farm valued at $100,000; besides his fine race path. Mr. Editor, you may say to your reading public that the Negroes of Arkansas are coming to the front with a rush and push Arkansas has the better crops this year than it has had in ten years and the Negro has made this year the effort of his life at farming. We all have The Freeman and want it in the home of every Negro in America

### Bishop Turner Was There.

Decatur, Ala., Special.

We have had some splendid rains which have made us sure of a splendid corn crop for this section of the country. Hon. H. V. Cashin spoke in Taladiga last Saturday week ago. Bishop Turner and Rev. Coffee of the A. M. E. church was in our city week before last. Gov. Smith spoke here same week. Rev. M. J. Hooks preached two very able sermons at St. Paul's M. E. church Sunday week. Mr. and Mrs. Newman Bridgeport, of Memphis, is visiting Mrs. S. S. Sykes, of Decatur. Mr. Ben Hays is a very popular barber.

Mr. Chas. Miller is the Supreme Grand master of the I. O. I. of the state of Alabama. Mr. Eugene Nixon is studying Theology under Dr. Smith. Miss Bertha Schandles is attending district conference at Scottsboro. St. Paul M. E. church will have song service Wednesday night led by Prof. A. W. McKenney. Mr. Chas. Jefferson, the agent of The Freeman, finds no trouble in selling his papers. We all of Decatur love to read The Freeman because it is the production of the brains of Afro-Americans. Miss Ada Rice is one of the bright girls of Decatur. Miss Florence Jefferson is also a bright girl. Mr. Chas. Sykes is the only colored Justice of our city. Miss Mattie B. Rice is expecting to go to Clark University next fall. Mrs. C. P. Sykes opens Sewing school Monday week.

### Republicans in a Jangle.

Brazoria, Tex., Special.

The Republican club here is about to split. The real cause seems that too many want to be leaders. The Republican Club No. 1 consists entirely of colored members. The Negro that would leave the party that fought four years for his freedom is not a lover of his race. The Negro that would leave the Republican party and go to a party that resisted every new measure in 1860, and more especially those relating to human rights; a party that opposed emancipation and each of the three amendments to the constitution; a party that voted for the fugitive slave bill, is no good to the race. There is not one honest Negro who can leave Republican Club No. 1, on principle, to join another.

### His Narrow Escape.

Fayetteville, Ark., Special.

F. Carr met with a serious accident last Thusaday week, while at work in A. Bryns' plaining mill. He was caught in a band saw and had his ankle broken and otherwise injured. Mr. Smith and family, of Ft. Smith, are in the city. Mr. Smith is a professional barber and is going to open a first class barber shop. It is rumored that a young white girl was assaulted in the southwest part of the city last Friday night. A young colored man was arrested charged with the crime and placed in jail. After an investigation was made, he was found not guilty and released. However some of the toughs still wanted to hold the crime against him after the women failed to identify him.


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# BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

## Before the Monona Lake Assembly of Wisconsin.

BY J. D. M'CALL.

On Friday, August 2nd, all eyes at the Monona Lake assembly was turned to Mr. Booker T. Washington, who was to deliver an address on "The Best Methods of Enlightening the Negro race" His coming had been heralded since the beginning of the sessions of the assembly, and an audience of 2,500 or more was out to hear him.

Promptly at 2 p. m. the speaker was introduced amid enthusiastic applause. He began in calm and steady tones, but it was not long before he waxed warm and entered right into his subject, wasting neither words nor opportunity. He clearly set forth his work by first reviewing the present condition of the masses of Southern Negroes and how they came to those conditions. He stated the great principles which must enter into the civilization of all people and nations and then showed to what extent the Negro had imbibed these general principles.

As he found no difference in the principles that elevate the Negro and other people, he proceeded to analyze the methods. The principles of morals and religion, and industry, intelligence and economy were universal, but the methods must be adapted to the Negro's peculiar condition.

He outlined those methods as applied at Tuskegee Institute, of which he is principal. His methods were heartily approved by the audience, as manifested by generous applause. He believed that the Negro had made mistakes in seeking political honors, at the expense of wealth and intelligence, which were necessary to maintain those honors; that he had got hold of wrong ideas of citizenship, but now he was facing about and trying to correct those mistakes, and what he now needed was proper leadership in ways of morality and religion, intelligence, industry and economy. He pleaded that the Negroes were quite willing and even anxious to rise out of their present conditions, if only they had wise and proper leadership.

He shrewdly contrasted the prejudice of the North with that of the South, by showing that the Southern whites were not willing to allow him to ride with them in their railroad cars, and the white people of the North were unwilling that the Negro should work with them in the shops while making their cars. It was a hard thrust as indicated by the absolute silence which reigned. Still whispers of "that's true," ran through the audience from one to another.

In the solution of the difficulty between capital and labor, his remarks were very telling. He thought the Negro must ultimately be the entering wedge, or at least a tremendous force in settling the great difficulties of to-day. For while the white people were shooting and killing each other and quarreling over disputed rights, the peaceful Negroes would come right in and go to work, and thereby save the useless slaughter of white men by each other, and thus the problem of labor and capital would be solved. "Who ever heard," he asked, "of Negroes striking?"

By this time a storm of enthusiasm had gathered, and when it broke loose it was so lustly and long continued that the speaker was compelled to stand and wait till the wave passed over.

If the popularity of a speaker may be judged by applause and its after effects, his was extremely popular. For people could be heard complimenting the address in the highest terms as they grouped in knots or passed each other on the streets the next day. The speech made a good and lasting impression in the Northwest, and no doubt he will be called again.

### A Joint Excursion.

Ansonia, Ct., Special.

It is with a heart of sadness that we read an article in "The Daily Union," of Bridgeport Conn., in which it was said, "there was a lively meeting of the Stamford Baptist church," in which it was voted to use individual communion cups. It said that some of the younger members of the church objected to the cups supplied by the church, because there were colored people admitted to its membership. This is a very poor example of the belief of this church in—"The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, or as it is worded (Acts 17-26) "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." Pray that God may open their eyes spiritually, and place christian love in their hearts.

The Clinton A. M. E. Zion and Macedonia Baptist churches have combined, and did give a union excursion Saturday, August 11th, for the purpose of affording the members of church and Sunday-school the pleasure of a day's outing and recreation, at Pleasure Beach near Bridgeport, Conn. A pleasant time was enjoyed by those who went.


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## CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

Wm. H. Givens, of Brazil, Ind., was in the city this week.

The Freeman is on sale at the Bates house news stand.

Sunday is Union rally day at Mt. Olivet Baptist church.

Mrs. Doc Wilson, of Chicago, is making a short stay in the city.

Lawyer H. P. Hill dropped dead at the city hospital last Wednesday.

Creole Switches on sale at Ladies' department of the Bates house barber shop.

Miss Lula N. Brady, of Chicago, is visiting Miss Lizzie Williams, of 70 Yandes street.

Miss Nellie Gilchrist, of Modoc, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jerry Black, 410 Blake street.

Robt. Moody, second waiter at the Bates, is spending his vacation at Terre Haute and Evansville, Ind.

Mrs. Francis E. Broyles leaves today for Springfield, O., where she will be the guest of Mrs. A. J. Winburn.

The Union meeting of Colored Christian Endeavors will occur at Corinthian church, Sunday, Aug 26th.

Miss Bettie Hayes, late of Cincinnati, is in the city a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duerson, 129½ Indiana avenue.

Mrs. Lizzie Whittman, of Louisville, is visiting in our city the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Black, 410 Blake street.

Rev. O. A. Williams, of the Ninth Presbyterian church, will preach to-morrow at 11 a. m. from Isaiah 43, II; subject, "A Promise of Deliverance."

Miss Mary Travis, of Newport, Ky., and Mrs. B. F. Howard, of Covington, Ky., will visit her sister, Mrs. L. W. Montgomery, Saturday, the 18th, at Room 28, Journal building.

The laying of the corner stone of Vermont St. church occurred last Sunday under the auspices of the Masonic lodges. The sum of $250 00 was raised. The basement will be ready for occupancy about Sept. 30th.

The Herculean Club's picnic was held at the Fair Grounds last Friday. Racing, speaking and dancing were the order of the day. A large silk flag was presented the club by the young ladies. Miss Nellie Knox made the presentation speech.

The primary class of the Sunday school of the Ninth Presbyterian church will give a social entertainment in the Lecture room, Tuesday evening, Aug. 21st, for the benefit of the church. Mrs. O. Finley, directress. All cordially invited; admission free.

### Personal Mention.

Mrs. Jas. Thomas, of St. Louis, is in the city.

Miss Mary L. Dehorney, of Seymour, has returned home.

Mrs. Robt. Brown, of St. Louis, arrives to-morrow to be the guest of her mother, 277 Bright street.

Revs. E. H. Ward, of Rushville, and E. H. Fletcher, of Rising Sun, Ind., were in the city this week.

Miss Birdie L. Bartlett, of Chicago, will be the guest of the Misses Sweeney during next week.

Rev. G. D. Williams and Eva Robbins, of Richmond, are in the city the guests of Rev. J. R. Averett.

Miss Fanny McNeill, after having spent several weeks at the seashore and visiting friends in New York and Boston, spent this week at home. She leaves Saturday for Cape Vincent, N. Y., Lakota and Mohawk Lake, Wis., and the Northern part of Canada.

Among the callers at The Freeman office this week were Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, Washington, D. C.; Hon. Wm. A. Crosthwait, Nashville, Tenn.; C. A. Hughes, Esq., San Francisco, Cal.

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Of Tabor, at Irvington, Ind., on Sunday Last August 12th.

The twenty-fourth Anniversary of Knights and Daughters of Tabor, and Maids and Pages of Honor, was celebrated last Sunday afternoon at Irvington, Ind., under the auspices of Silver Spray Temple, No. 28, Sacred Tabernacle, No. 42, Capital City Tabernacle, No 35, Corner Stone Tabernacle, No. 55, of Irvington, Mary Scott's Tent, No. 24, of Maids and Pages of Honor.

The exercises were opened with with song and prayer, by Rev. C. Harris, P. C. M., of King Soloman's Temple, No. 84, of Muncie, Ind. R J. Person, A. B. was master of ceremonies, Sir G. E Whitlock, delivered the opening address. He said the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, since the day of their organization at Independent, Missouri, twenty-four years ago, had grown and spread with such wonderful rapidity, until to-day the order stands second to none.

Daughter J. S. Boyd, C. G. R. of Irvington, Ind., delivered the welcome address. She said:—"Sir Knights, Daughters, Maids and Pages of Honor, and visitors. In expressing to you the sentiments of welcome that thrills us on witnessing your arrival in our midst, if we show more timidity than is common on such occasions, you will, we trust, ascribe it to the proper source.

The grand and impressing appearance of such an important body, made us feel that our town is much honored. We open wide to you the gates of our city, and happily welcome you with us. Whatever you find among us pleasing to your taste, consider it yours, remembering we haven't anything we consider too precious for you.

The response was delivered by daughter M. J. Scott, Q. M. of Mary Scott Tent. A recitation, subject, "The girl of Rome," by Mrs. D. F. Daniels. The paper read by daughter A. G. Hughs, subject, "The under-ground rail road of the daughter of Tabor," was all that good taste and education could demand. The anniversary sermon was preached by Sir Rev. B. F. Ferrell. He took for a text, Matthew 17:4 "Lord it is good for us to be here." He handled the text feeling bringing many Amens.

During the rendition of the program seated on the grand stand were daughter E. A. Hines, H. P, of Capital City, Tabernacle, daughter E. A. Faison, H. P. of Sacred Heart Tabernacle, daughter L. A. Gains, G. Q. M. and P. H. P. of Capital city Tabernacle, daughter A. G. Hughs, P. I. C. G. P.; daughter J. S. Boyd, C G. R all attired in the regalias suitable to their office. A collection was lifted, and a handsome sum realized.

R. J. Person, A. B. then rose and said: Friends, visitors and citizens of Irvington. In behalf of the Knights and Daughters, assembled here, we express to you, our many thanks for your liberality and attention manifested during the rendition of our program. We feel quite sure that we have won the best wishes of your hearts, and we will endeavor to keep our places in your affections. Sir Rev. Ferrell, I. G. D. pronounced the bedediction.

### Colored Knights Of Liberty.

Calvert, Tex., Special.

The colored knights of liberty Alliance, of Texas, met in annual session on August 7th, 1894 at Sterling with Mt.Canaan lodge No.173. The welcome address was given by L. S. Miller, and was responded to by J, W Clifton, of Burlison county. After they appointed the different committees R.B. Little made an eloquent speech.

The evening session consisted in hearing the reports from the various committees.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year. President D. W. Dabney, Burlison County; Vice president J. H. Noland, Washington County; Secretary J. W. Clifton, Burlison; Asst. Secretary R B. Moore, Washington County; Grand state lecturer C. A. Taylor, Robertson County; Dept. lecturer William Roberts, Washington County; Treasurer P. Shaw, Robertson County; Chaplain T, B, Blake, Burlison County; Warden W. J. Williams, Robertson County; Guardian S. L. Lockhardt, Burlison County.

The meeting adjoured to meet on the first Tuesday in August 1895 at Burlison County Texas, by order of J. W. Noland Vice president, George P. Isaac, Secretary.

Mr. J. T. Hill, who has been confined to his bed for two weeks is up again. The merchants of Calvert, are beginning to put on their smiling faces by the advent of new cotton coming in.
GAS.

### Young Women to be Banqueted.

Pittsburg Pa., Special.

Pastor of Siloan Baptist church, Rev. O. S. Simmins preached a very lengthy sermon also interesting. Last Sabbath evening, the church was filled to its utmost capasity, all seemed to have been deeply interested. A meeting was called on the 3rd. inst. by the young men of the east end, for the purpose of a barquet in honor of the young Women's Social Club of E. E under whose auspices the picnic, was given the 26th Hon. G W. Brown, attorney was elected chairman of the meeting. Mr. B.F. Dunmore Sec There was also a committee appointed to see that a menu is provided suitable for the occasion, also a committee on general literature.

The entertainment given at Siloam Baptist church the 9th inst, was a grand success with the exception of a little defect in the literary programme and that we will not blame the stage manager, H. F. Collins as he did not solicit that honor

Read The Freeman next week for further information of the barquet, then when you receive your invitation it will not surprise you. Next Sunday the 19th inst, is grand Rally day at Siloam Baptist church for the purpose of raising $1,200 to be paid on the church property at once. All are invited, Rev. O. S. Simms pastor.

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Prof. D. Abner, Jr, of Seguin, district master of the G. U. O. of O. F. of Texas, passed through this city Sunday night en route to Bryan to attend the grand lodge, which convenes there on the 7th inst.

We had a fine rain fall here in the city, makes crops look ten per cent better; crops were suffering for want of rain and water was scarce in the town, times seem to be better. Mr. J. Garlo and Hut, Carneaous; and Charley Williams, of Rice Tex., were in the city last week. Mr. Dave McCoin and Miss K. V. Debbers, were taking a pleasant trip over the city last Sunday evening visiting their friends.

Mr. Jeff Lister Gabe, Miss Birdie Debers made a call last evening. Mrs. Russell and Mrs. W. M. Smith have moved from Denison Tex., to their old home Ennis Tex., to join their husbands once more in life. Mrs. L. L. Lacey will move from Sherman block to this city this week. Rev. M. J. Brook left for Waxahachie, Tex., last week to spend a visit with his family.

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